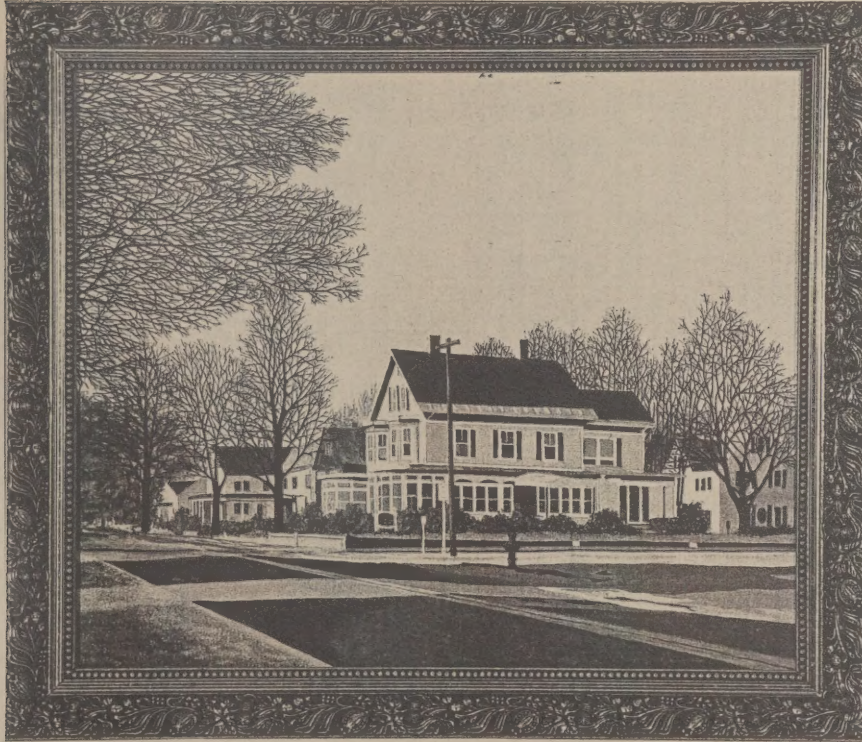


**ANNUAL REPORTS
of
Officers and Committees**



**TOWN OF ORANGE
Massachusetts**

For the Year 2005

Dedicated to
L. Doris Olson

**in recognition of her years of volunteering for
the Orange Cemetery Department
with extreme service and dedication
to the Town of Orange.**

**We are all blessed to know her and
have the opportunity to work with her.**

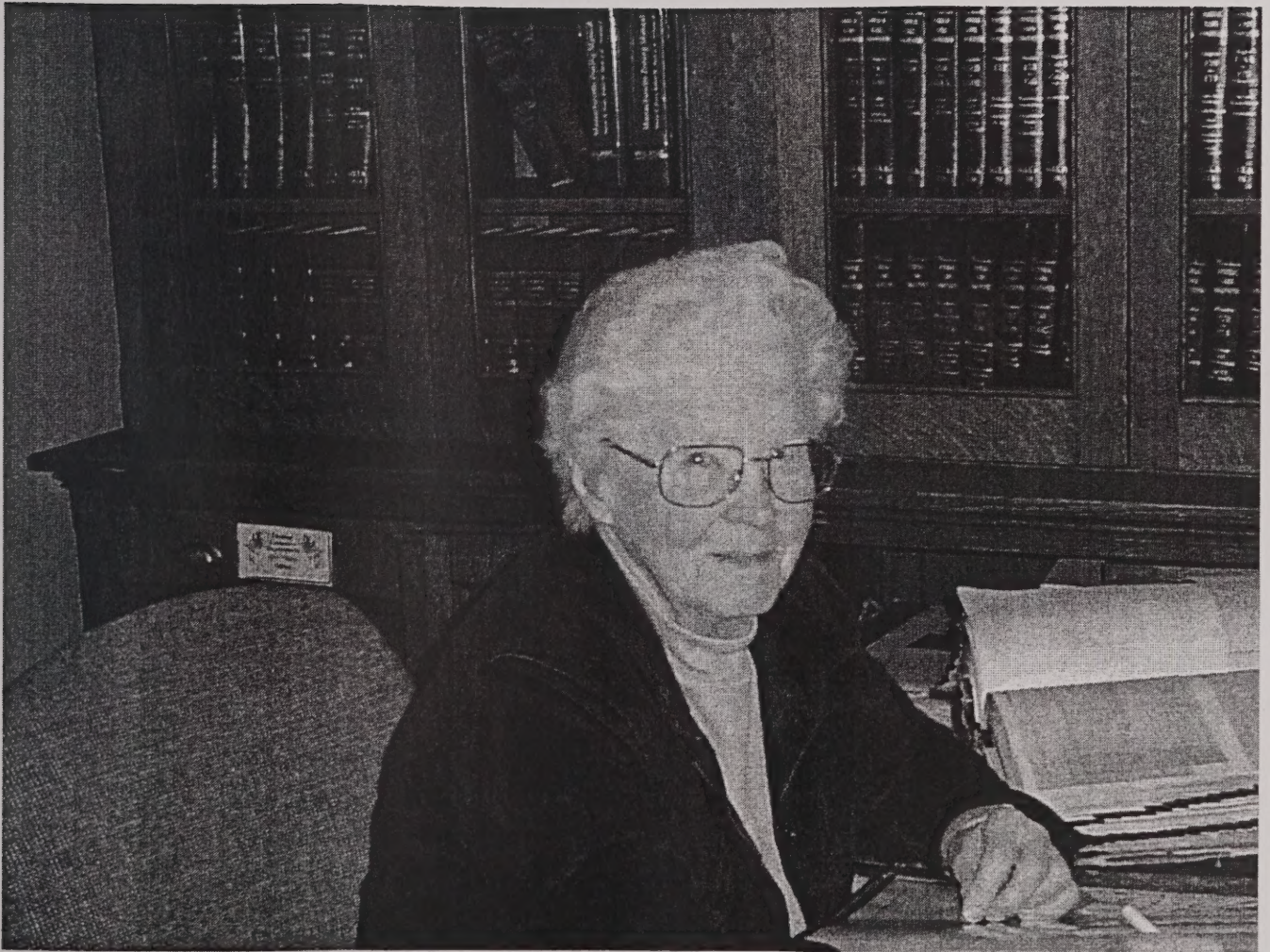
Thank you Doris!

**Cover photo of the Witty's Funeral Home submitted by Pat Andrews,
of K.I.T. Postcards from a collection by Artist Ralph Henley.**

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 2005 ELECTED BOARDS AND OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

Steven Adam	March 2008
Robert Andrews	March 2006
Richard Sheridan	March 2007

MODERATOR

Christopher Woodcock	March 2007
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TOWN CLERK

Nancy M. Blackmer, CMC, CMMC	March 2008
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TREASURER

Leigh Deveneau	March 2006
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COLLECTOR

Jerilynn B. Deyo	March 2006
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BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Norman Bartlett	March 2007
Jay Closser	March 2008
Shari Littlewood	March 2006

BOARD OF HEALTH

Paul Kowacki	March 2006
John Dolan	March 2008
Jean Lundgren	March 2007

CONSTABLES

Calvert Lundgren	March 2007
John T. O'Lari	March 2007
Craig Autio	March 2007

TREE WARDEN

Brenda Piro (resigned 7/05)	March 2007
Mark Vitale	

ORANGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Carol Chandler	March 2008
Marcia Larocque	March 2008
Pamela Oddy	March 2006
Richard Herk, Jr.	March 2006
Elizabeth Peirce	March 2007
Christopher Marshall	March 2007
Deborah Habib	March 2007

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Clifford J. Fournier	March 2006
Cara Deane	March 2006
Peter Cross	March 2007
Anne Colturi (resigned 5/05)	March 2007
Nadine Parsons	
Maureen Donelan	March 2008
Robin LaCroix	March 2008

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Lisa Vaughn	March 2006
Rice Flanders	March 2006
Richard Senier	March 2007
Richard Ballou	March 2007
Peter Jefts (resigned 5/05)	March 2008
Kathy Reinig	
Jean Crist Thompson	March 2008

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Donald L. Barnes	March 2006
Donald W. Priestley	March 2008
Francis Smith (resigned 8/05)	March 2007
Richard Kilhart	

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Roger Tolman	March 2008
John Knechtel	March 2007
Louis Maroni	March 2006

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Randy Plante	March 2009
Richard Herk, Jr.	March 2010
Scott Johnson	March 2006
Doris Cutting	March 2007
Rice B. Flanders (Governor's Appointee)	May 22, 2006

APPOINTED BOARDS AND OFFICERS

ADA HANDICAPPED ACCESS COMPLIANCE BOARD (3)

Cynthia Snow	March 2007
Liz Rivera	March 2007
Nathaniel Johnson	March 2007

AIRPORT COMMISSION (5)

Julie Cole	March 2006
Edward Dornig	March 2007
Scott Parker	March 2007
Frederick Mock	March 2008
Richard White	March 2008

ARMORY COMMISSION

Lucy Cavaliere	
William Ruby	March 2007
Matin Picard	March 2006
	March 2008

BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

Roger Mallet

BOARD OF REGISTRARS (3)

Maureen Riendeau	March 2008
Shirley Page	March 2006
Darren Alston	March 2007

BROWNFIELDS STEERING COMMITTEE

Patricia Smith

BUILDING DEPARTMENT
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Brian Gale

March 2006

INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Richard Dionne

March 2006

Jay Blackbird

March 2006

GAS INSPECTOR

John Dolan

March 2006

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Gerald Brousseau

March 2006

John Dolan (Assistant)

March 2006

CABLE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE (2)

Nancy M. Blackmer

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (5 plus alternate)

Pam Oddy

July 2006

Fred Mock

July 2005

Richard Hall

July 2007

Robert Andrews

July 2006

Carleton Lanou

July 2005

Nathan Steinberg (Alternate)

July 2007

CHIEF OPERATOR, WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

Edward Billiel

CONSERVATION BOARD (7)

Nan Hunt

March 2008

March 2008

Richard Wilkey

March 2006

Cheryl Ruf

March 2006

Alec Macleod

March 2007

Faye Vollinger

March 2007

COUNCIL ON AGING (9)

Clifford J. Fournier

March 2008

Frank Schiappa

March 2008

Ronald Tellier

March 2008

Florence Bickford

March 2006

Denis Songer

March 2006

Mae Deane

March 2006

Mary Lawson

March 2007

Mary Bevis

March 2007

Sally Songer

March 2007

DOG OFFICER

March 2006

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL CORP. (7)

Ann Marie Holmgren

July 2006

Karl Bittenbender

July 2006

Raymond Ledoux

July 2007

Dennis Annear	July 2007
Bruce Gabrenas	July 2005
Richard Sheridan	July 2005
Deborah Fifield	July 2007
Steven Adam (Selectmen's Representative)	
Associates	
Elwyn Hayden	Stephen Raymond
Andrea Shaughnessy	Lee Cote
William Wrigley	Richard White
Tom Kussy	

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

John Bartus	March 2006
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FINANCE COMMITTEE (7)

Carleton Lanou	May 2006
Richard C. Innes	May 2006
Jane M. Peirce	May 2006
Gary G. Pond	May 2007
Linda Smith	May 2007
Peter Pulley	May 2008
	May 2008

FIRE CHIEF

Dennis Annear	March 2006
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DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

Bruce Blackmer	March 2006
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DISTRICT DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

C. David Gale	March 2006
William Gale	March 2006

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Dennis Annear	March 2006
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DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Bruce Blackmer	March 2006
William Gale	March 2006
C. David Gale	March 2006
Chris Bisceglia	March 2006
Kevin Kaczmarczyk	March 2006
Justin Gale	March 2006
Philip Sheridan	March 2006
Mark Vitale	March 2006
James Young	March 2006

SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM

	March 2006
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FRCOG PLANNING BOARD

Robert Lunny (Selectmen's Representative)	March 2006
Michael Moore (Planning Board Representative)	March 2006

FRCOG PLANNING/TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMITTEE

David Frye	March 2008
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F.R.T.A. ADVISORY BOARD

Francis Metivier (resigned 6/05)	July 2005
Richard Kwiatkowski	

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (3-7)

Glenn Johnson	March 2008
Patricia Smith	March 2008
Luann Pierson	March 2006
Kenneth R. Kilhart	March 2006
Linda Temple	March 2006
Rice Flanders (resigned 10/05)	March 2007
Linda Knechtel	March 2007

HUMAN RESOURCE BOARD (5)

Jean Chase	July 2008
William Golding	July 2008
Linda Smith	July 2007
Gary Pond	
Steven Adam	

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

John Knechtel	March 2006
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LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Walt Owens

LOCAL WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL

MOBIL RENT CONTROL BOARD (3)

Ronald Tellier	March 2008
Mary Preece	March 2007
Cynthia Snow	March 2006

ORANGE CULTURAL COUNCIL (no limit)

Doris Bittenbender	September 2007
Manuel King	September 2007
Diane Salcedo	September 2007
Donn Deane	August 2006
Mary King	September 2007
Ashley Adam	March 2008
Ruth Shaw	November 2008
Amy Borezo	November 2010

ORANGE RECREATION ASSOCIATION (14)

Richard Kilhart	Helene Holmes	Nancy M. Blackmer
Ilene Rowe	Daren Alston	Tracey Gaudet
Lisa Gaynor	Daniel Kimball	Thomas Whelan
		Robert Apteker
Curtis O'Brien	Mary Grutchfield	

PLANNING BOARD (6)

Bruce Scherer	March 2006
Bruce St. John	March 2006
Michael Wright	March 2008
Michael Moore	March 2008

Patricia Smith	March 2008
Richard Sheridan	March 2007

POLICE CHIEF

Brian Spear

PUTNAM HALL & GETTY LOT STUDY

Karl Bittenbender

Richard Kwiatkowski

REGIONAL VOCATIONAL AND TECH. SCHOOL

Clifford Fournier	June 2008
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May Deane	June 2007
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REP. TO FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Priscilla Curtis

Bruce Scherer

RIVERFRONT PARK COMMITTEE

Patricia Andrews

Polly Bixby

David Frye

David Flint

Pat Larson

Bruce Scherer

Patricia Smith

Linda Temple

David Songer

Michael Yohan

SANITATION SUPT.

Priscilla Curtis

March 2006

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

John R. Greene

March 2006

SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERY

Evelyn Daly

March 2004

SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAY

David Frye

March 2006

SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER

Bruce Merriam

TOWN ACCOUNTANT – CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Nancy Riebschlaeger

March 2005

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Richard Kwiatkowski

TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (5)

May Deane

March 2006

TOWN HALL RESTORATION COMMITTEE

Shirley Page

Linda Temple

Richard Hall

Pennie Smith

Pamela Smith

Jean Chase

Olinto Paoletti

Curt Rand

Janis Stone

Robert Andrews

Patricia Andrews

Deborah Kent

TULLY FIRE STATION COMMITTEE

Richard Hall

Lloyd Taylor

Roger Cole

David Gale

James O'Connor

Jeff Cole (Alternate)

VETERANS AGENT

Leo Parent

March 2006

WATERFRONT PARK COMMITTEE

Pat Smith

Dana Songer

Anthony Brighenti

David Songer
Arthur Dumont
Jerry Whaland
Michael Yohan
Dave Small

Donn Deane
Ann Townsend
Michael Moore
Pat Larson
Pat Andrews

Linda Temple
Rice Flanders
Bruce Scherer
David Frye

WATER STREET FEASIBILITY STUDY COMMITTEE

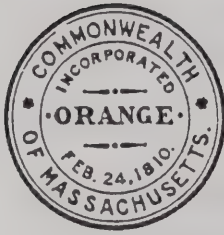
James Young, Jr.
Derek Barber
Patricia Smith

Jason Rushford
Jeffrey Cooke

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (5)

Richard Herk, Jr.
Tom Forest
Kelli Gervais
Paul Gordon
Raymond Laffond
George Hunt, Jr. (Alternate)

March 2007
March 2007
March 2007
March 2008
March 2008
March 2006



TOWN OF ORANGE
NANCY M. BLACKMER, CMC, CMMC
TOWN CLERK

6 Prospect Street, Orange, MA 01364
 Phone – 978-544-1100, ext. 101, Fax – 978-544-1134
 E-mail – townclerk@townoforange.org

Licenses

	Fishing	Hunting	Sporting
Resident	28	5	37
Minor	5		
Resident 65-69	6		9
Handicap-over 70	25		46
Non-Resident	5		
Duplicate		1	6
Non-Resident-Big Game		2	

Stamps

Archery	Waterfowl	Primitive Fire Arms Conservation	Resident	Non-Resident
9	6	14	94	6

Dog Report

Male	133
Neutered Male	384
Female	83
Spayed Female	424
Kennels	21

Vitals

Marriages	Births	Deaths
48	62	61

A total of 234 passport applications were processed by the office this year.

Respectfully submitted,
 Nancy M. Blackmer, CMC, CMMC
 Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT FOR ORANGE

Revenue Report

General Fund Revenues

	Budget	Received
Personal Property Tax	126,393.69	125,090.23
Real Estate Taxes	5,927,281.22	5,754,422.09
Tax Liens	.00	6,957.26
Chapter 61	5,000.00	11,737.01
Motor Vehicle Excise	600,000.00	692,236.45
Farm Animal Excise	1,500.00	
Forest Products Excise	2,000.00	266.94
Int. & Penalties Property	58,000.00	45,620.34
Int. & Penalties MVE	26,000.00	30,509.10
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	3,286.00	3,285.82
Sewer Liens	28,000.00	27,633.47
Sewer Rates	310,000.00	295,606.38
Sewer Stock & Labor	.00	6,476.23
Transfer Station Revenue	169,000.00	144,877.05
Ambulance Fees	467,000.00	423,593.41
Trailer Payments (PILOT)	27,000.00	29,712.00
Departmental Fees	38,540.00	45,047.15
Rentals	102,500.00	71,924.30
Cemetery Burials	15,000.00	20,225.00
Licenses & Permits	124,600.00	140,166.07
Court Fines	1,500.00	2,475.00
Registry Fines	17,000.00	21,472.50
Other Fines	4,850.00	4,774.49
Court Costs/(R/E)	.00	2,530.00
Betterments	6,000.00	3,781.43
Interest on Investments	45,000.00	34,035.29
Miscellaneous Revenues	385,926.00	339,102.14
Cherry Sheet (State)	6,718,913.00	6,721,551.89
Trasnsfers from Other Funds	84,482.85	207,737.50
Other Financing Sources (loans)	60,000.00	60,000.00
Total General Fund Revenue	15,354,772.76	15,272,846.54

Special Revenues

Ambulance Receipts Reserved	18,520.00
Insurance < \$10,000	10,430.82
Police Outside Details	80,413.21
Sale of Cemetery Lots	12,338.00
State Grants to Libraries	13,809.01
Wetlands Protection Fund	4,218.50

Revenue Report

Cultural Council	3,022.14
LET	1,116.12
Interest - Blk Gt Loan Repayment	470.62
Available Paybacks	10,968.00
General Government Gifts	1,200.00
Available Paybacks - Transfer In	3,500.00
Town Hall Restoration Fund Revenue	13,249.03
Program Income FY92	2,493.00
DARE Gifts	3,658.00
Cadets Revenue	200.00
Safe Trailer Gifts	75.00
Landfill Monitoring Account	16,025.00
West Orange Cemetery Fence Fund	1,200.00
Library Gifts & Private Grants	4,455.00
Community Development	813,852.00
FRTA Revolving Revenue	30,356.48
ORA Revolving Revenue	15,874.46
Gas Revolving Revenue	725.00
Plumbing Revolving Revenue	9,773.00
AVGAS Revolving Revenue	74,376.89
HAZ MAT Revolving Fund	681.46
Septic Betterments	25,842.34
USDA Town Hall	3,750.00
EOP GRANT	41,831.46
BP Vest - Fed Revenue	5,972.00
Interest LLEBG	1,072.04
CLICK-IT	2,700.00
Hospital Bioterrorism Grt. '05	6,000.00
Fire Safe House Repair	6,494.93
Fire Equipment Grant (EOPS)	21,000.00
FEMA Snow Emergency	34,066.86
Airport Runway	18,604.57
Airport Fence	84,637.44
Airport Electrical	566.55
Council on Aging	15,749.00
County Dog Fund	2,915.15
Stabilization Interest	489.24
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE NON-SCHOOL	1,418,692.32
 School Choice	 195,583.00
School Lunch	300,776.64

Revenue Report

Circuit Breaker	27,448.00
School Gifts & Private Grants	5,655.05
Community Partnership Revolving	33,389.87
Community Partnership Gifts	125.00
Title I	261,798.00
Focus	248,399.00
Drug Free Schools	6,050.00
SPED EC Revenue	60,174.00
SPED SACC	2,250.00
T2'05 IEQ	43,007.00
TII EET FY04	49,854.25
McKinney Vento	27,600.00
TEG '05 Revenue	99,832.00
Summer Feeding	64,818.47
Community Partnership Grant	163,489.00
Mass Family Networks	84,922.00
Save Environment	12,500.00
Quality Kindergarten	44,635.00
Summer Meal Expansion St. Gt.	3,500.00
Mass Cult Council - School	14,400.00
DSS Incentive Grant	7,500.00
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE SCHOOL	1,757,706.28

TOTAL ALL SPECIAL REVENUE	3,176,398.60
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CAPITAL PROJECTS REVENUE

Chapter 90 State Highway Grants	109,655.07
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TRUST FUNDS

Cem Perp Care Interest	7,599.65
Alice Mann Interest - GF	489.24
Rugg Interest GF	270.12
Cemetery Trust Funds Interest	1,507.50
Interst Peace Statue	147.19
Interest Playground Fund	117.33
Library Trust Funds	196,895.38
Goddard Park Trust Fund	36.02
Group Health Ins. Trust Interest	27,002.55
Group Health Ins. Trust Receipts	63,564.00
Interest Mun. Prop. Ins.	120.46
Conservation Trust Fund	188.41

Revenue Report

Goddard Interest	1,089.32
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	299,027.17

WATER ENTERPRISE FUND

Water Rates	549,378.48
Water Stock & Labor	4,286.59
Water Interest	6,556.16
TOTAL WATER ENTERPRISE	560,221.23

TOTAL REVENUES ALL FUNDS	19,418,148.61
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Expenditure Report

ACCOUNT	Adjusted Budget	Expended & Encumbered	Balance
Moderator's Salary	100	100	0
Selectmen's Salaries	3,000	3,000	0
Selectmen's Expense	5,194	4,775	419
Town Administrator Salary	55,384	55,384	0
Town Administrator Wages	22,577	22,993	-416
Town Administrator Expense	7,059	6,378	681
Finance Committee Expense	470	155	315
Reserve Fund	0	0	0
Town Accountant's Salary	41,284	41,284	0
Town Accountant Wages	8,900	8,894	6
Town Accountant Expense	1,747	1,741	6
Audit Of Town Accounts	21,000	21,000	0
Assessors' Salaries	3,000	3,000	0
Assessors' Wages	23,826	22,374	1,452
Assessors' Expense	8,839	7,128	1,711
Treasurer's Salary	39,771	39,793	-22
Treasurer's Wages	8,144	7,124	1,020
Treasurer's Expense	23,657	13,515	10,142
Collector's Salary	31,945	31,945	0
Collector's Wages	11,599	10,064	1,535
Collector's Expense	15,795	12,301	3,494
Town Counsel	25,000	14,024	10,977
Human Resource Board Expense	890	0	890
General Office Expense	21,244	20,878	366
Town Clerk's Salary	32,245	32,245	0
Town Clerk's Wages	1,790	1,782	9
Town Clerk's Expense	2,945	2,802	143
Election Expense	10,462	10,224	239
CCM Expense	685	685	0
Planning Board Expense	680	598	82
ZBA Expense	260	60	200
Town Hall Expense	31,437	31,404	33
Town Reports	1,200	1,200	0
Armory Expense	40,080	38,785	1,295
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	502,209	467,635	34,577
Police Chief Salary	63,944	63,944	0
Police Wages	648,535	648,496	39
Police Expense	80,064	79,623	441

Expenditure Report

ACCOUNT	Adjusted Budget	Expended & Encumbered	Balance
Fire Chief Salary	53,734	53,734	0
Fire/EMS Wages	441,544	471,495	-29,950
Fire/EMS Expense	131,905	131,905	0
Building Inspector Salary	46,142	46,142	0
Building Inspector Wages	16,271	10,536	5,734
Building Inspector Expense	6,759	6,027	733
Sealer's Expense	1,430	1,260	170
Electrical Inspector Salary	18,051	18,051	0
Electrical Inspector Expense	955	955	0
Animal Inspector Salary	650	650	0
Animal Inspector Expense	55	0	55
Dog Officer Salary	0	0	0
Dog Officer Expense	13,052	11,264	1,788
Tree Warden Salary	1,400	0	1,400
Tree Warden Expense	11,050	10,374	676
TOTAL PROTECTION	1,535,541	1,554,456	-18,914
Orange Elementary Schools	5,596,999	5,596,999	0
R.C.Mahar Regional School As	3,183,330	3,183,330	0
Frank.Cty.Tech.School Assmt	461,583	461,583	0
TOTAL EDUCATION	9,241,912	9,241,912	0
Highway/Sewer/Parks Supt. Sa	47,970	47,970	0
Highway Wages	126,058	121,109	4,949
Highway Expense	127,115	125,927	1,188
Highway Snow & Ice Expense	183,530	183,042	488
Street Lights Electricity	33,108	33,108	0
Frank.Cty.Solid Waste Dist.A	6,685	6,685	0
Hazardous Waste Day	3,000	2,971	29
Sanitation Manager Salary	30,863	30,097	766
Sanitation Wages	66,021	63,250	2,771
Sanitation Expense	187,089	149,214	37,874
Sewer Wages	19,591	19,591	0
Sewer Expense	20,400	18,771	1,629
WWTP Superintendent Salary	46,012	46,012	0
WWTP Wages	77,102	72,460	4,642
WWTP Expense	124,592	122,542	2,050
Aiport Administration Expense	3,295	2,882	413

Expenditure Report

ACCOUNT	Adjusted Budget	Expended & Encumbered	Balance
Airport Buildings Expense	9,205	7,630	1,575
Airport Maintenance Expense	5,640	3,657	1,983
Airport Manager Salary	33,983	33,983	0
Aviation Gas Wages	18,338	17,175	1,163
Aviation Gas Expense	20,000	18,751	1,249
Cem.Commissioners' Salaries	600	600	0
Cemetery Superintendent Sala	34,748	34,748	0
Cemetery Wages	54,118	54,106	12
Cemetery Expense	15,966	15,882	84
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	1,295,029	1,232,163	62,865
Board of Health Salaries	300	300	0
Board of Health Agent Salary	35,957	35,895	62
Board of Health Expense	4,653	4,651	2
Council on Aging Wages	12,354	12,354	0
Council on Aging Expense	1,680	47	1,633
Veterans' Services Dist.Admi	8,859	8,859	0
Veterans' Benefits	20,000	4,868	15,132
Library Directory Salary	44,010	43,369	641
Library Wages	102,824	98,526	4,298
Library Expense	80,311	80,311	0
Parks Wages	14,640	14,640	0
Parks Expense	8,550	8,550	0
Historical Commission Expense	940	0	940
TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	335,078	312,370	22,708
Airpark Project Prin.('03,'1	11,700	11,700	0
Fisher Hill Sch.Prin.('09,'1	298,160	298,160	0
Fire Engine Principal('08)	20,000	20,000	0
Landfill Cap & Close Prin('1	60,000	60,000	0
Sewer Facil.Study Prin.('19)	7,192	7,191	1
Brookside Sewer Principal('0	10,000	10,000	0
Highway Garage-Principal	52,000	52,000	0
Mahar Project - Interest	13,584	13,584	0
Airpark Project-Interest	52,139	52,006	133
Fisher Hill School Interest	58,876	58,875	1
Temporary Loans-Interest	6,958	6,959	-1
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	590,609	590,475	134

Expenditure Report

ACCOUNT	Adjusted Budget	Expended & Encumbered	Balance
Frank.Reg.Council Of Govt.As	34,370	29,957	4,413
Retirement Assessment	570,316	555,491	14,826
Workers'Comp Insurance	47,383	44,015	3,368
Unemployment Insurance Compe	29,100	18,338	10,762
Group Health Insurance-Tr.Ts	936,239	936,275	-36
Medicare Matching Approp.	84,907	78,664	6,243
Fire & Liability Package	125,989	125,989	0
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSE	1,828,304	1,788,729	39,576
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	15,328,682	15,187,740	140,946
FY05 ARTICLES			
ARTICLE COLA - NON-UNION EMPL.	1,473	0	1,473
SEUI Contract Increases	353	0	353
Art: Prior Year Bill	46	46	0
Art Assessor's Reval '05	30,000	30,000	0
ART ASSESSORS BILL OF PRIOR YEAR	91	91	0
ART CRUISER FY05	28,500	28,500	0
ART FIRE BILL OF PRIOR YEAR	1,003	1,003	0
ART: AMBULANCE	37,000	35,757	1,243
ART: TUITION SMITH VOC	9,473	9,473	0
ART HIGHWAY SANDERS	22,000	0	22,000
Art Landfill Monitoring FY05	10,000	4,980	5,020
ART SO. CEMETERY WATER	5,000	0	5,000
Art Dog Fund FY05	3,068	0	3,068
Art-Starry. Starry Nights	2,500	2,500	0
DP Boiler	60,000	60,000	0
Art:Mahar Debt	310,328	310,327	1
Transfer To Spec. Revenue	18,500	18,500	0
Brookside Sewer Project-Int.	6,430	6,430	0
Comm.Septic Mgmt.Prog.Pr.('19)	16,000	7,232	8,768
Transfer to Trust/Internal Service Funds	63,564	63,564	0
	625,329	578,403	46,926
PRIOR YEAR ARTICLES			
Art Assessor'S Reval '04	42,540	40,572	1,968
Art Rte 122 Bridge '04	16,000	7,232	8,768
Art Landfill Monitoring '04	475	400	75

Expenditure Report

ACCOUNT	Adjusted Budget	Expended & Encumbered	Balance
Art Eng. Serv. Phos. Remov '04	14,096	9,421	4,675
Art Wo Cem Fence '04	19,395	5,200	14,195
Art Cen Chainlink Fnc '04	5,190	0	5,190
Art:Lib Dog Fund '04	1,076	41	1,035
Art-Assessor'S Maps ('03)	44,925	44,069	856
Old Hwy Barn Prop Cleanup	14,608	4,898	9,710
Art-Putnam Hall Cleanup ('03)	7,500	0	7,500
Art-Skid Tank/Pump ('03)	12,150	0	12,150
Art-Airport Fence	5,500	0	5,500
Central Fence '03	4,500	0	4,500
South Cem Elec '03	3,000	0	3,000
W Orange Cem Fence '03	5,000	5,000	0
Art Lib Demo '03	3,165	3,165	0
Art-Butterfield Pk '03	10,000	450	9,550
Art-Hayden St '02	35,000	0	35,000
Art-Vet Mem Honor Roll '02	18,000	0	18,000
Art-Feas.Study Water St('01)	15,000	14,021	979
Art-Design Tully Station('01)	21,740	21,550	190
Art-Reg.School Plan.Comm.('01)	4,966	0	4,966
Art – Brush Cutting Tractor ('01)	3,348	2,803	545
Art-Airport Clearing '01	2,857	0	2,857
Art-Rebuild Tennis Courts('01)	3,581	0	3,581
Article-Master Plan('00)	13,922	9,298	4,624
Art-N.Main Off-St.Parking('00)	818	0	818
Art-Tn Hall Roof& Hnd.Acc('97)	796	0	796
Art – Town Hall Wiring	762	97	665
Armory Boiler Article('99)	4,535	0	4,535
Art-Additional Street Lights('00)	6,308	4,903	1,405
Art-WWTP Roof Repr/Repl('00)	20,000	1,533	18,467
Art-Cem.Repair Headst-Ins('99)	1,803	0	1,803
Art: Lib Automation	0	318	-318
ART LIB ARCH PLN '98	3,111	0	3,111
ART MOORE-LELAND MAT. '99	3,534	541	2,993
Art-Library Automation('96)	349	48	301
	369,550	175,560	193,990
TOTAL OTHER AUTHORIZED EXPENSE (ASSESSMENTS)			
Retired Teachers' Insurance	137,797	137,797	0
Lower Pioneer Val Air Poll Con	1,378	1,378	0

Expenditure Report

ACCOUNT	Adjusted Budget	Expended & Encumbered	Balance
Non-Renewal Surcharge Mve	8,480	8,260	220
School Choice Assmt.	101,069	63,412	37,657
Frta Assessment	16,359	16,012	347
	265,083	226,859	38,224
TOTAL ALL GENERAL FUND	16,588,644	16,168,562	420,086

WATER ENTERPRISE FUND

Commissioners Salaries	900	900	0
Salaries	159,162	158,183	979
Expenses	203,944	193,019	10,925
Equipment	35,000	34,599	401
Tully Water	18,000	15,991	2,009
Debt & interest	52,375	53,375	-1,000
Emergency reserve	1,500	0	1,500
TOTAL WATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET	470,881	456,067	14,814
Continuing Appropriations (Articles)			
Art South Main	32,796	0	32,796
Art New Water Source Engineering	11,500	0	11,500
	44,296	0	44,296
TOTAL WATER ENTERPRISE FUND	515,177	456,067	59,110

SPECIAL REVENUES non-education

Ambulance Receipts Reserved (transfer)	37,000
Insurance Loss Armory	3,003
Insurance Loss Sanitation	3,033
Insurance Loss Water	4,528
Police Outside Detail	70,454
Cemetery Sale of Lots (transfer)	18,000
State Aide to Libraries	20,029
Wetlands Protection Fund	18
Cultural Council Grant	3,645
Law Enforcement Trust	-49
Stabilization Tr. to GF.	69,371
Avail Paybacks - Expense	59,647

Expenditure Report

ACCOUNT	Adjusted Budget	Expended & Encumbered	Balance
Town Hall Restoration Fund Expense		28,742	
Armory Facade Gifts Account		5,125	
Dare Gifts		2,563	
Cadets		112	
Landfill Monitoring (transfer)		10,000	
WO Cemetery Fence Gifts		98	
Library Misc. Gifts		2,965	
Library Gifts Mass Bank		325	
Community Incentive Grant Library		2,122	
Cult Council Available Interest		20	
Community Development Grants		766,211	
FRTA Revolving		27,151	
ORA Revolving		15,378	
Gas Inspection Revolving		0	
Plumbing Revolving		13,030	
AVGAS Revolving		51,969	
HAZ-MAT Revolving		248	
Community Partnership Revolving		36,367	
USDA - Town Hall		3,750	
Releaf Grant		670	
EOP PY		500	
LLEGB		11,385	
Emergency Mgmt. Grant		1,319	
EOPS Replacement Equipment		12,000	
Click-It Grant		2,700	
Community Policing Grant		3,112	
Community Policing Equipment Grant		25,000	
MDU Grant		6,763	
Fire Safe Trailer Grant		723	
Fire Safety House Repair Grant		2,495	
Fire Equipment Grant		14,160	
Cops in Schools (local commitment)		30,870	
FEMA Snow Emergency		34,067	
Airport Runway - Federal		33,576	
Airport Runway - Local		12,865	
Airport Fence - State		6,030	
Airport Fence - Federal		49,681	
Airport Fence - local		1,457	
WPAT Grant		1,331	

Expenditure Report

ACCOUNT	Adjusted Budget	Expended & Encumbered	Balance
COA Formula Grant		6,749	
COA Consortium Grant		9,270	
LSTA Grant		3,079	
County Dog Fund (transfer)		3,068	
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE NON EDUCATION		1,527,725	
FEDERAL EDUCATION GRANTS			
School Lunch		307,152	
Title I		197,390	
FOCUS Grant		219,584	
Safe/Drug Free Schools		3,107	
Early Childhood		5,585	
SPED Supporting Access		6,515	
Title II IEQ		57,567	
Title II EETT		2,383	
Title V		4,131	
McKinney-Vento Homeless Grant		24,964	
Technology Enhancement Grant		125,914	
TOTAL FEDERAL EDUCATION GRANTS		954,292	
STATE EDUCATION GRANTS			
Summer Feeding Grant		49,460	
Community Partnership Grant		149,682	
Family Network		55,831	
Safe & Supportive Learning Environment		22,484	
Quality Kindergarten		44,565	
Summer Food Service		6,981	
Summer Meal Replacement Equipment		10,000	
Mass Cultural Council School Grant		11,824	
DSS Incentive Math Grant		7,412	
School Choice		86,014	
Circuit Breaker		18,347	
TOTAL STATE EDUCATION GRANTS		462,600	
Misc Gifts School		-693	
Project Bread		5,000	
TOTAL EDUCATION GIFTS & OTHER		4,307	
TOTAL ALL EDUCATION SPECIAL REVENUE		1,421,199	
TOTAL ALL SPECIAL REVENUE		2,948,924	

Expenditure Report

ACCOUNT	Adjusted Budget	Expended & Encumbered	Balance
CAPITAL PROJECTS			
Chapter 90 Highway Construction		575,034	
TRUST FUNDS			
Cemetery Perpetual Care (transfer)		4,638	
Rugg Trust Fund (transfer)		3,000	
Mann Trust Fund (transfer)		1,000	
Cemetery Flower Funds		783	
Library Trust Funds		1,990	
Group Health Insurance		1,470,564	
Goddard Scholarship Fund		1,500	
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS		<u>1,483,475</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ALL FUNDS		21,632,062	

PART X SCHEDULE OF DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED THIS FISCAL YEAR					
Item description	Report in Whole Dollars - Omit Cents				
	Outstanding July 1, 2004 (a)	Issued this Fiscal Year (b)	Retired this Fiscal Year (c)	Outstanding June 30, 2005 (d)	Interest this Fiscal Year (e)
A. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS					
Buildings	309,000		52,000	257,000	4,249
Departmental Equipment	90,000		20,000	70,000	3,600
School Buildings	0			0	
School - All other	0			0	
Sewer	240,869		23,605	217,264	7,912
Solid Waste	0			0	
Other Inside Limit	0			0	
TOTAL INSIDE DEBT LIMIT	639,869	0	95,605	544,264	15,761
OUTSIDE DEBT LIMIT					
Airport	0			0	
Hospital	0			0	
Electric	0			0	
Gas	0			0	
School Buildings	1,333,920		298,160	1,035,760	58,875
Sewer	0			0	
Solid waste	840,000		60,000	780,000	38,580
Water	100,000		50,000	50,000	3,375
Other Outside Limit	81,900	60,000	11,700	130,200	4,095
TOTAL OUTSIDE	2,355,820	60,000	419,860	1,995,960	104,925
TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT	2,995,689	60,000	515,465	2,540,224	120,686
B. REVENUE AND NONGUARANTEED BONDS	0			0	
C. SHORT TERM DEBT					
Tax Anticipation Notes	0			0	
Bond Anticipation Notes	0			0	
Grant Anticipation Notes	0			0	
Other Short Term Debt	0			0	330,748
TOTAL SHORT TERM DEBT	0	0	0	0	330,748
D. OTHER INTEREST					123
			AMOUNT - OMIT CENTS		
			Authorized (a)	Issued/Retired/ Rescinded (b)	Unissued June 30, 2005 (c)
TOTAL AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED			60,000	60,000	0

Orange Airport Commission 2005 Annual Report

Two thousand five was another very successful year for the Orange Airport. Committed revenues from aircraft fees, land leases and rentals were up 22% from last year! Recent airport improvements such as new runways and improved instrument approaches have resulted in a steady influx of new airport tenants. There are currently five new hangars under construction and another fifteen approved for construction by the Airport Commission. Committed revenues are projected to increase by another 38% next year!

The airport grossed \$45,894.00 in rental and lease fees, \$74,377.00 in aviation fuel sales, and \$8,770.00 in taxes for a total revenue of \$129,041.00. The airport revolving fund balance at the close of fiscal 2005 was \$22,408.00. Airport operating costs were \$127,369.00.

In addition to several new hangar owners the Airport Commission negotiated lease contracts with Jumptown, Scott and Mikes Motorcycle Training School, the Central Massachusetts Steam Gas and Machinery Association, and Cingular Wireless this year. Welcome to all our new tenants.

The International Aerobatics Club held their last competition at the Orange Airport this year. A steady increase in airport business over the past few years has required them to move their annual competition to the Skyhaven Airport in Rochester New Hampshire.

We said good-bye to long time airport employee James Megarry, and hello to his replacement Lisa Caranfa. Jim was a fixture at the airport and he will be missed. Lisa has made new friends fast. Her enthusiasm for the airport is contagious. She is possibly the most competent, and personable employee I have had the pleasure to work with.

Julie Cole served as Chairman of the Airport Commission once again. Thank you for another remarkable year Julie. Our success is a direct result of your passion, hard work and fresh baked cookies! As the airport continues to develop, so do the challenges encountered by the Airport Commission. Commission members Fred Mock, Ed Dornig, Scott Parker, and Richard White have met these new challenges earnestly. Thank you all for your dedication.

Len Bedaw, Airport Manager

ADA Board

American Disabilities Act For Year of 2005

To the honorable board of Selectman and on behalf of the citizens of Orange I submit the annual report for the Board of the American Disabilities Act for the year 2005. The coordinator is Richard T. Kwiatkowski who is the Town Administrator. We have Cynthia A. Snow, Nate Johnson and Elizabeth Rivera on the board. We are encouraging anyone that would like to be on the board please call Rick Kwiatkowski at 978-544-1100 Ext.106. We would love to have some more help. We are trying to make the changes necessary for those that are disabled, young and old.

I would like to mention we are planning an American Disabilities afternoon Awareness Program at the Orange Armory on Thursday, May 11, 2006 from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and refreshments will be served.

This afternoon is both for Senior Citizens or anyone that is disabled or handicapped in anyway, to shed some light on different subjects and make suggestions where the handicapped and disabled can go for some answers and help for various situations.

If you have any problems and do not know whom to contact, please call Richard Kwiatkowski at 978-544-1100 Ext.106 or myself Cynthia A. Snow at 978-895-6147. We will be glad to see what we can do for you.

It was a very good year for us in which some of the buildings have made the necessary changes according to the ADA rules and regulations. Of course we are still trying to work on the library in town. Please do not sit back, we need some help, the more help and ideas are all to better our town and community we all live in.

Respectfully,

Cynthia A. Snow

Board of Assessors

Annual Report of the Board of Assessors

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Board of Assessors submits the following report for Fiscal Year 2005

Expenditures

Appropriations	16,405,145.15
Total Local Expenditures	384,896.00
State & County Charges	265,083.00
Overlay	107,249.85
Other	20,860.00
Total amount to be raised:	17,183,234.00

Estimated Receipts & Available Funds

Estimated Receipts-State	6,880,476.00
Estimated Receipts-Local	2,420,202.00
Other Available Funds	1,637,899.09
Deferral of Teachers' Pay	189,982.00
Total Estimated Receipts:	11,128,559.09

Amount to be Raised From Taxes

Tax Rate= \$14.21 per thousand	
Real Estate Valuation	417,120,423.00
Personal Property Valuation	8,894,700.00
Total Valuation:	426,015,123.00

Real Estate Property Tax	5,927,281.22
Personal Property Tax	126,393.69
Total Taxes Levied on Property:	6,053,674.91

Number of Parcels Assessed

Real Estate	3336
Personal Property	262

Respectfully Submitted,

Shari Littlewood-Carey, Chair
Jay Closser
Norman Bartlett



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**Office of the
Inspector of Buildings**

2005 ANNUAL REPORT BUILDING DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Selectmen and Citizens of Orange:
I hereby submit my tenth annual report of the Building Department.

The following are the statistics for the department for January 1 thru December 31, 2005. The estimated value of the construction in Orange during 2005 was \$12,743,407.00. There was a total of \$93,442.54 expended to fund the building department. A total of \$128,158.20 was collected in permit fees or 137% of the cost of operation.

The following is a list of permits issued and inspections completed during the year.

Building Inspector	Plumbing Inspector
356 Permits Issued	160 Permits Issued
530 Inspections conducted	320 Inspections conducted
Electrical Inspector	Gas Inspector
252 Permits Issued	41 Permits Issued
330 Inspections conducted	45 Inspections conducted

The year 2005 has been a busy one for the Building Department. We have seen new housing starts increase over the last few years from 15 or 20 a year to 62 new dwelling units this year. We saw some new commercial construction as well as commercial additions and renovations. The largest project this year was a warehouse constructed by Pete's Tire Barns, Inc. on New Athol Rd. We are currently working with several people on proposed project for the spring and I expect the coming year will continue to be busy for us.

I look forward to being part of the team that makes 2006 a great year for Orange!

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian L. Gale, Inspector of Building

Mission Statement

To Promote the safe and compatible development of the community through fair and consistent enforcement of codes and zoning ordinances
The Town of Orange is an equal opportunity provider

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Because of fiscal restraints and a potential budget short fall, the Capital Improvement Planning Committee recommended only two projects for fiscal year 2006: the replacement of a police cruiser and sanders for the highway department.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela E. Oddy, Chair
Fred Mock, Vice Chair
Carleton Lanou, Clerk
Richard Hall
Nathan Steinberg
Robert Andrews

Orange Cemetery Department
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Orange, MA 01364

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

On behalf of the Orange Cemetery Department we submit the annual report for calendar year 2005.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all town employees who gave assistance to this department throughout the year. We would also like to thank those citizens who went above and beyond to volunteer their time and resources to this department in a time of need. Without citizens like them, all of us would be lost.

A new Gravely, zero-radius turning riding mower was added to the equipment this year, allowing us to continue the streamlining process for maintaining all seven cemeteries. With the help of community service workers from the Trial Court Community Service Program, volunteers and a worker hired through the Youthworks Program of the Franklin County Action Commission, we were able to have all the cemeteries prepared for the Memorial Day Celebrations. Along with regular lawn maintenance we also repaired and leveled several lots and graves in six cemeteries. Holtshire Cemetery received many yards of sand to fortify the road system, and several trees were pruned. In South Cemetery we were able to fix the leak in the water system and there was water to all working spigots for the summer. We are almost finished with the new section and plan to start selling in that lot by spring of 2007. Much tree work was also done in South Cemetery along the western border. In Jones Cemetery we are bringing back the hedge row along the front so that the cemetery is more visible to those driving by, making it less attractive as a place to party. Much work has been done to the trees in Central Cemetery as well. One large pine was taken down at the entrance and many of the dead branches were removed from underneath the pines. Two medium size trees came down in windstorms, but luckily no monuments were harmed. We will continue to address the problem trees in Central Cemetery, with most of the lower branches removed from the trees, it is almost possible to see from one end to the other, which is also a deterrent for vandals and partiers.

We continued to improve the corner of the new section of Tully Cemetery by installing a retaining wall. This fall a member to the Tully community, Patricia Brier, passed away and her family requested that donations be made in her name to Noel's Nursery to help the Cemetery Department create a garden in that corner to beautify the sand pit area. Thirteen "fire bushes" were installed with the help of Mrs. Brier's husband, Sonny, with more plantings to come in the New Year. We thank the Brier Family for their charity, and to all of those who donated to that fund.

Progress in West Orange Cemetery continues. John Knechtel has donated at least 100 hours of his time so far, building the fence and removing trees and branches. We thank him for his craftsmanship and attention to detail so that the fence can be replaced as closely to the original as possible. The iron fence along the front was removed, sandblasted, repaired, powder-coated and reinstalled. One section of the fence had to be completely fabricated and when the fence was installed, it was hard to find the new section.

We had two youth workers, fulltime through the Workforce Investment Act run by the Franklin/Hampshire Employment and Training Consortium. Through this program, teens are placed in non-profit organizations to learn work ethics and gain skills needed to enter the workforce. The Orange Cemetery Department and the Town of Orange were honored this year with an award for Leadership in Youth Development at the Annual Legislative Breakfast given by the Franklin/Hampshire Regional Employment Board.

We had sixty-one (61) burials in 2005: thirty-one (31) cremations, twenty-nine (29) traditional burials, one (1) under three months. Financial information with regard to sales of lots and perpetual care can be found in the Treasurer and Accountant's reports.

Respectfully Submitted,

Evelyn L. Daly
Superintendent

Commission:
Roger Tolman, Chair
Louis Maroni, Vice Chair
John Knechtel, Secretary

SE (SEWER LIENS) BE (SEPTIC BETTERMENTS) RB (ROAD BETTERMENTS)

YEAR	TAX	RECOMMITTED 7/1/2004	COMMITTED	PAID	ABATE	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005
2000	SE	\$2,585.48		\$2,043.34		\$542.14
2001	SE	\$69.50				\$69.50
2002	SE	\$1,472.08		\$488.04		\$984.04
2002	BE	\$784.50		\$784.50		\$0.00
2003	SE	\$975.60		\$641.26		\$334.34
2003	BE	\$784.50		\$784.50		\$0.00
2004	SE	\$5,018.41		\$3,487.79		\$1,530.62
2004	RB	\$122.88				\$122.88
2005	SE		\$28,769.41	\$21,953.74		\$6,815.67
2005	BE		\$5,011.14	\$5,011.14		\$0.00
2005	RB		\$3,809.28	\$3,781.43		\$27.85
TOTALS		\$11,812.95	\$37,589.83	\$38,975.74	\$0.00	\$10,427.04

TRANSACTION REPORT FOR FY 2005 DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT	RECOMMITTED 7/1/2004	COMMITTED	PAID	ADJUST	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005
ARMORY	-\$325.00	\$23,585.00	\$23,280.00		-20.00
CEMETERY	\$4,275.00	\$16,825.00	\$20,225.00		875.00
BD OF HEALTH	\$4,596.00	\$27,792.00	\$29,712.00		2,676.00
TOTALS	\$8,546.00	\$68,202.00	\$73,217.00	\$0.00	3,531.00

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilynn Deyo
Town Collector

TRANSACTION REPORT FOR FY05
PERSONAL PROPERTY (PP)

YEAR	TAX	RECOMMITTED	COMMITTED	PAID	ABATED	REFUND ADJUSTMENT	OUTSTANDING
1990	PP	\$44.98		\$0.00			\$44.98
1992	PP	\$176.20		\$0.00			\$176.20
1993	PP	\$781.09		\$0.00			\$781.09
1994	PP	\$658.74		\$0.00			\$658.74
1995	PP	\$872.44		\$0.00			\$872.44
1996	PP	\$552.16		\$0.00			\$552.16
1997	PP	\$651.17		\$0.00			\$651.17
1998	PP	\$864.30		\$0.00			\$864.30
1999	PP	\$2,055.06		\$0.00			\$2,055.06
2000	PP	\$3,064.64		\$0.00			\$3,064.64
2001	PP	\$740.21		\$0.00			\$740.21
2002	PP	\$685.90		\$0.00			\$685.90
2003	PP	\$1,187.58		\$0.00	\$42.70		\$1,144.88
2004	PP	\$2,356.39		\$925.60	\$110.60		\$1,320.19
2005	PP		\$ 126,393.71	\$125,546.48	\$153.30	\$1,239.89	\$2,087.12
TOTALS		\$14,690.86	\$126,393.71	\$126,472.08	\$153.30	\$1,239.89	\$15,699.08

TRANSACTION REPORT FOR FY05

REAL ESTATE (RE)

YEAR	TAX	RECOMMITTED	COMMITTED	TAX TITLE	PAID	ABATED EXEMPTIONS	REFUND ADJUSTMENT	OUTSTANDING 6/30/05
		7/1/2004						
1987	RE	\$929.21						\$929.21
1988	RE	\$312.91						\$312.91
1989	RE	\$399.96						\$399.96
1990	RE	\$8,291.45						\$8,291.45
1991	RE	\$18,274.92						\$18,274.92
1992	RE	\$2,367.36						\$2,367.36
1993	RE	\$1,166.42						\$1,166.42
1994	RE	\$1,030.09						\$1,030.09
1995	RE	\$1,487.21						\$1,487.21
1996	RE	\$900.42						\$900.42
1997	RE	\$442.70						\$442.70
1998	RE	\$4,067.02						\$4,067.02
1999	RE	\$5,360.00			\$1,715.82			\$3,644.18
2000	RE	\$15,049.12			\$1,616.03			\$13,433.09
2001	RE	\$12,299.49			\$4,174.85			\$8,124.64
2002	RE	\$42,107.78			\$13,153.26	\$283.43		\$28,671.09
2003	RE	\$86,581.20			\$48,263.28	\$286.60		\$38,031.32
2004	RE	\$164,213.17			\$110,458.12	\$18,375.02	\$15,351.09	\$50,731.12
2005	RE		\$5,938,115.09		\$5,658,844.89	\$63,809.55	\$43,241.77	\$258,702.42
TOTALS		\$365,280.43	\$5,938,115.09	\$0.00	\$5,838,226.25	\$82,754.60	\$58,592.86	\$441,007.53

TRANSACTION REPORT FOR FY 05
MVE (MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE)
FP (FOREST PRODUCTS)

YEAR	TAX	RECOMMITTED 07/01/04	COMMITTED	PAID	ABATE ADJUSTED	REFUNDS ADJUSTED	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005
1991	MVE	\$4,319.13		\$16.25			\$4,302.88
1992	MVE	\$3,685.49		\$16.25			\$3,669.24
1993	MVE	\$2,934.58		\$0.00			\$2,934.58
1994	MVE	\$2,080.15		\$0.00			\$2,080.15
1995	MVE	\$2,111.90		\$25.00			\$2,086.90
1996	MVE	\$2,900.67		\$35.73			\$2,864.94
1997	MVE	\$1,731.93		\$78.75			\$1,653.18
1998	MVE	\$6,626.90		\$32.50			\$6,594.40
1999	MVE	\$2,309.53		\$106.25		\$13.02	\$2,216.30
2000	MVE	\$7,045.19		\$326.77		\$331.16	\$7,049.58
2001	MVE	\$8,038.26		\$1,158.55			\$6,879.71
2002	MVE	\$9,884.23		\$1,752.62	\$340.00		\$7,791.61
2003	MVE	\$14,058.94	\$11,854.58	\$17,066.30	\$734.69	\$786.87	\$8,899.40
2004	MVE	\$37,705.93	\$132,988.73	\$147,967.00	\$11,525.75	\$6,821.03	\$18,022.94
2005	MVE		\$609,316.63	\$538,982.34	\$29,511.75	\$7,570.47	\$48,393.01
TOTAL		\$105,432.83	\$754,159.94	\$707,564.31	\$42,112.19	\$15,522.55	\$125,438.82
1987	FP	\$374.96					\$374.96

2005 ANNUAL REPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

The Community Development Office continues to operate through funding from CDBG grants issued through the Department of Housing and Community Development. The Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority continues to administer grants for the Town of Orange, assisted by Wendy Johnson, Community Development Administrative Assistant.

FY '03 RRF GRANT - \$50,000

The FY '03 Ready Resource grant funded design of the river front park at the site of the former highway barn on East River Street. The Town receives assistance in administration of this grant from the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) and from the Riverfront Park Committee, comprised of several area residents appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Design plans have been prepared by BSC Group and it is anticipated that construction will begin in the spring of 2006. The project is currently awaiting the permitting process.

FY '04 CDF I GRANT - \$800,000

Two components of the FY '04 grant, the Shelter Street Neighborhood Stabilization project and the Prospect, N. Prospect, Summit, and High Streets Infrastructure Master Plan project were completed in 2005. The Shelter Street project included improvements to the neighborhood in the areas of water, sewer, drainage, and pavement. The Master Plan project resulted in design plans for infrastructure improvements to be done in three phases, the first being Prospect Street from High Street to Ball Street. The Town will apply for a grant in 2006 to begin this three-phase project.

Four social service programs were conducted under this grant. The grant recipients that provided services to the community using these funds were NELCWIT, N.Q. Even Start, The Literacy Project, and Quabbin Mediation.

FY '04 BDF GRANT - \$253,662

In May of 2005, the Town was awarded a Business Development Fund grant in the amount of \$253,662. The grant amount is a combined total of Massachusetts Community Capital Funds and Ready Resource Funds. The funds were applied for by the Town to assist Express Test Services, Inc. in getting the business up and running. A local volunteer to the Town, Karl Bittenbender, wrote the grant application and assists the office in the administration of the grant.

FY '05 CDF I Grant - \$775,000

In August of 2005, the Town received notification of a grant award in the amount of \$775,000. This grant will provide the necessary funding to conduct infrastructure improvements to Eddy Street. New water and sewer lines will be installed along with new drainage, sidewalks, and paving. The engineering firm Weston & Sampson has completed their initial survey and preliminary design plans are available in the Community Development Office. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring and be completed by September of 2006.

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT FOR THE ORANGE COUNCIL ON AGING

To the Honorable Town of Orange Selectboard

The Orange Council on Aging continues to offer general transportation, Monday through Friday, a meal site (five days a week), Med rides as needed, Brown Bag once a month, foot screening, flu clinic, medical clinics as often as possible, fuel assistance preparation, income tax service, a walking exercise program, home visits, and mandated reporting.

BOARD MEMBERS	TERM EXPIRES
Cliff Fournier – Chairman	2008
May Deane – Staff Secretary	2006
Mary Lawson	2007
Florence Bickford	2006
Mary Bevis	2007
Ronald Tellier	2007
Sally Songer	2007
Frank Schiappa	2008
Al Hebert	2009

COUNCIL ON AGING STAFF

Cliff Fournier – Director/Consortium Director
May Deane – Staff Secretary
Virginia Cobbett – Secretary/FRTA Dispatcher

Respectfully submitted,
Clifford Fournier, Director

ORANGE CULTURAL COUNCIL - Report for 2005

The Orange Cultural Council is the local arm of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, whose mission is "to promote excellence, access, education and diversity in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences, in order to improve the quality of life for all Massachusetts residents and to contribute to the economic vitality of our communities."

The local Council receives its funding annually as part of the state budget. The year 2005 brought a third year of level funding for the Council, granting the town \$2,840.00 in funds to be distributed by the local council through the state-directed grants process. Each year applicants submit their proposals by October 15, after which date the Council evaluates and supports as many projects as funding allows. By adding some of our local balance from prior year's grants, we were able to award a total of \$4,095.00 to support 11 projects in 2005. Among those supported were "Starry, Starry Night," "Garlic and Arts Festival," "Entertainment for Seniors," "1794 Meetinghouse programs" and "Brown Bag Lunch Concerts."

Anyone interested in submitting an application to the Council through the fall funding cycle can get information from the web site at "massculturalcouncil.org" or by contacting a member of the Cultural Council.

Co-Chairmen Doris Bittenbender and Amy Borezo
Dianne Salcedo, Manuel King, Mary King, Ruth Shaw, Emma Towle, Chelsea Jones, Donn Deane

**ORANGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION
ANNUAL REPORT
2005**

The OEDIC concentrated on marketing the Randall Pond Industrial Park Project. National, state and local economic conditions have kept the number of potential prospects for new businesses at a minimum. Seven lots of approximately 35 acres remain.

The OEDIC has been using the expertise within its Board to provide consultation to several businesses in the area on issues of financing and expansion.

Three businesses within the park have undertaken major expansions this year.

The OEDIC has been providing site location and selection assistance to retail enterprises attempting to locate in the town of Orange.

The Board of Selectmen appoints the members of the Board of Directors for three-year terms. They are as follows:

Ann-Marie Holmgren, Chairman
Richard Sheridan, Clerk
Karl Bittenbender, Treasurer
Dennis Annear, Vice-Chairman
Ray Ledoux
Bruce Gabrenas
Debbie Fifield

Four associate members provide additional to the Board; Richard White, Andrea Shaughnessy, Elwyn Hayden and Tom Kussy.

Annual Report of the Fire-Rescue-EMS Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Orange.

I hereby submit the annual report of the Fire-Rescue-EMS department for Calendar year 2005.

The Fire-Rescue-EMS department continues to see an increase in requests for service we receive from our citizens. The department again went through many changes as we strive to provide the very best service possible to our citizens.

We did not have a lot of personnel changes this last year, due to the budget cuts experienced we did not have sufficient money to purchase additional pagers or turnout gear to outfit new hires for the many vacancies we have on the call department.

The citizens need for the department's services continue to increase. The department experienced a 32.8% increase in the calls for service last year for a total of 2595 requests. This amounts to a 69.8% increase in the number of calls since 2002. The department experienced an increase of 80.7% in overlapping calls for a total of 770. This means that on the average there are two calls being handled more than twice a day. These overlapping calls are handled by full time personnel on call back or members of the call department. The continued increase of use of the call department is taxing these individuals ability to belong to the department as they are missing more and more time away from their full time jobs or their families.

The Tully Fire Station Design Selection Committee in conjunction with the Architect Juster Pope Frazer, LLP presented an article for the annual Town Meeting then decided due to the financial condition of the Town at that time to delay the vote until the fall Town Meeting. At the Fall Town meeting it was voted to construct a new station in the Tully section of Town contingent on a Proposition 2 ½ Exemption vote at the annual Town election in March.

The Water Street Feasibility Study Committee presented their recommendation to construct a new Public Safety Complex in the downtown area. An article was placed on the Annual Town Meeting warranted and withdrawn at the meeting due to the financial condition of the Town at that time. This committee continues to look at both new construction and alternatives to the space problem at the Water Street Station.

The most significant achievement of the year was the receipt of a \$650,000.00 grant of which the community must raise \$32,500.00 from the Department of Homeland Security – Assistance to Firefighter Grant program to replace the 1964 ladder truck.

The department currently operates 11 vehicles. Nine out of Station 1 and two out of Station 2. In January the department received its new 2005 Ford/Horton 4x4 ambulance. While this vehicle has saved on the maintenance budget for ambulances it has been out of service many times for problems with the new Ford Engine. As I write this report we are operating a loaner vehicle from Greenwood Fire Apparatus due to this vehicle being out of service.

The 1997 Crown Victoria that was being used as the Chief's cruiser experienced engine problems and was replaced with a 1996 unmarked Crown Victoria from the Police Department.

Station 1

- 2005 Ford/Horton ambulance - ??
- 2001 HME/Smeal Pumper – Good condition
- 1998 Ford Superduty/Osage Ambulance – Fair condition
- 1996 Ford Crown Victoria Cruiser – Fair condition (95,000 miles)
- 1995 Ford F250 4 wheel drive pickup – Fair condition
- 1987 Pierce/Mack Pumper-Tanker – Good condition
- 1987 Ford F350 4 wheel drive Brush/utility Truck – Fair Condition
- 1968 M715 Military 4 wheel drive Brush Truck – Fair Condition
- 1964 Maxim Ladder Truck – Passes required Inspections but needs to be looked at for replacement

Station 2

- 1980 Mack Pumper – Good Condition
- 1970 AMC General Tanker – Fair condition

The major increase in calls definitely has a major impact on the department's vehicles. The average age of these vehicles is 19 years old and are requiring that more and more maintenance be done due to both the age and increased usage.

The budget cuts in the last two years and the major increases that are being experienced in the costs of vehicle fuel, heating fuel and electricity is making the job of maintaining these vehicles extremely difficult.

The department's training program under the leadership of Captain Philip Sheridan has again provided the department with one of the necessary tools to provide the level of service that the department continues to provide. The Training Division offered 277 hours of training in 2005. 140 of these hours were approved by the Office of Emergency Medical Services as continuing education hours for the Emergency Medical Technicians. The members of the department participated in 3,784 man hours of training this past year.

The breakdown in calls for the year were:
 (Numbers in parenthesis indicate calls for Station #2 – Tully)

Fire and Explosion – 66

Structure fire	24 (15)
Mobile fire	9 (1)
Refuse	4
Chimney	3
Tree/brush/grass	10(3)
Unclassified	9(16)

Rescue and EMS – 1415

EMS Response	832(29)
Non Emerg. Transfer	344
Vehicle/Ped Accident	151(26)
Search	2(1)
Extrication	7
Rescue	8
Assist Medical Crew	36
Unclassified	35

Hazardous Conditions – 103

CO Hazard	10(4)
Power Line Down	12(4)
Arching/Short	15
Spill/Leak	40(1)
Unclassified	26

Service Call – 498

Lockout	3
Smoke Removal	9
Mutual Aid	14(17)
Animal Rescue	2
Water Evacuation	17(2)
Assist Other Agency	65
Assist the Public	55(6)
Unauthorized Burning	21(14)
Municipal Fire Alarm	246
Traffic Signal	5
Fire Drills	3
Child Safety Seat Ins.	3
Unclassified	55(2)

Good Intent – 98

Smoke Scare	27(11)
Controlled Burning	14
Steam	4
Unclassified	53

False Call – 118

Malicious/Mischievous	4
System Malfunction	26
Unintentional	79(37)
Unclassified	9

Severe Weather – 19

Lightning Strike	7
Flood Assessment	2
Unclassified	10

Special Incident - 277

Fire Alarm Service	9
Inspections	226
Unclassified	42

The outdoor burning of brush is one of the most controversial programs that this department deals with. The open burning season runs from January 15th to May 1st. A permit must be obtained from the department and the department must be called each day the burning occurs. The permit outlines the items that can and cannot be burned, the distances from any buildings that the fire must be located and the hours of the day that these fires may take place. The permit may also be used for cooking fires. Cooking fires are fires that are primarily used for cooking purposes. It is important to remember that these regulations are Department of Environmental Protection – Air Quality Regulations and not Fire regulations and that no fire is allowed to be a nuisance.

The department issued 526 permits for open burning in 2004 and these permits were used 1,406 times.

The department continues to provide inspections of our commercial, multi-family dwellings and new construction in cooperation with the Building Department. Inspections are also done for installation and operation of smoke detectors in all residences that are sold, installation of oil burners and tanks, installation of Liquid Propane, installation or repair of Restaurant Hood systems, sprinklers and alarm systems. Inspections are normally done on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The number of inspections and the work required to follow up on these inspections has become very time consuming due to the increase in new buildings and the many changes that continue to take place in the community. In 2006 this portion of the job will continue to increase with the requirement that all homes be equipped with Carbon Monoxide detectors starting April 1st.

The members of the department ask for your support as we move ahead with the replacement or additions to the two stations. This project is essential for us to meet all the codes and standards in place today to operate a fire department.

All these accomplishments could not have taken place without the dedication of all the employees and their families. I wish to thank everyone for contribution to the activities of the department.

Respectively submitted:

Dennis M. Annear - Chief

**BOARD OF HEALTH
ANNUAL REPORT
2005**

The Board of Health respectfully submits the following report regarding the activities of the Board, it's agent and office, for the year ending June 30, 2005.

As in previous years, the pace of activity has increased. We continue to see an accelerated level of building activity, requiring much of our daily attention, permitting and inspection well and septic installations. As well, the demand to develop our emergency response remains a challenge, as the frameworks and standards are developed on the state and federal levels. An additional challenge for this year was our involvement in helping develop the town's response to the issues of ownership, well and septic systems in the area of Lake Mattawa known as "The Point". We also continue to perform the myriad of other inspections and deal with issues associated with restaurants, housing and infectious diseases. A detailed report follows.

Housing inspections	60
Food Inspections	72
Septic review and Inspections	72
Percs	50
Rubbish Complaints and inspections	17
West Nile Issues	2
Smoking Complaints	3
Other Inspections	18
License/Permits	351

At the time of the writing of this report we are well into another busy year. We hope to make more headway with our emergency response planning, and to wrap up a couple of longstanding projects involving some of the older regulations currently in place. As always we welcome the input and assistance of the other officials and boards, and urge all those with questions or issues relating to our board to contact us at our office, or attend a meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr Paul Kowacki, Chair
Jean A. Lundgren
John F. Dolan, Jr.

TOWN OF ORANGE

Department of Highways Parks and Sewers
David T. Frye, Superintendent

To the Honorable Select Board and Residents of Orange:

I hereby submit the following annual report of the Highway, Parks and Sewer Department for the calendar year 2005.

HIGHWAY

- Cleared brush on over 30 miles of road.
- Dispensed 105 ton of cold patch and 457 ton of hot mix in potholes
- Shelter area Project - sewer, drainage, water, and surface completed
- Resurfaced North Main Street, Main Street, East River Street, Chestnut Hill Road

SEWER

- Rodded blockages on McCarthy, Terrace St., Blodgett Street, Harrison Ave. Congress St., Bangs Ave., East River Street and Putnam St.

PARKS

- Cleaned and maintained parks and playgrounds
- Scheduled games and events
- Hosted UMass intramural baseball games
- Operated Lake Mattawa Beach with no life guard
- New flagpole in Butterfield Park
- Additional maintenance to park by the "parks committee"

PERSONNEL

- Nine DOT required drug and alcohol tests preformed; all were negative
- Two reported personal injuries; no lost time accident

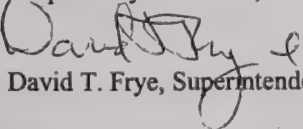
DESIGN/PROJECTS

- Due to late appropriation of Chapter 90 funding, many projects put on hold.
- North Main Street – Project moved to Transportation Bond Bill, 1.2 million dollars awarded for project by State, was presently under design stage as a "Footprint" project but failed to meet the criteria
- South Main Street Bridge rebuilding is about 99% completed
- Received Grant for water, sewer and drainage on Eddy Street, and design money for Prospect Street.

MISCELLANIOUS

- Assisted Fire and Police and Board of Health at various incidents.

Respectfully submitted,



David T. Frye, Superintendent

Trustees of the Orange Public Libraries

Annual Report 2005

As information technology expands, libraries are increasingly important to our society. The information highway can be difficult to maneuver. Our librarians are the road maps. However, the internet will never replace the need for public libraries. Rather, they are a necessary and valuable component for access to the world at large.

Children know that if they have a question about the world, the library is the place to find the answer. And someone will always be there to help them find the answer--our librarians. (A librarian's) job is an important one. Our nation runs on the fuel of information and imagination that libraries provide. And they are in charge of collecting and sharing this information in a helpful way. Librarians inform the public, and by doing so, they strengthen our great democracy. **First Lady Laura Bush**

The board regretfully lost two more longtime members this year, Rachel Scherer and Sally Howe, co-chairpersons. Appointments to the board included Kathy Reinig and Richard Ballou. Our director, Anne Williamson, resigned in July. After a lengthy search and interviews, the board chose Walt Owens of Bloomington, Indiana, as her replacement. Walt has a wealth of experience and talent and he has already made his mark in Orange.

2005 brought a revival of the Friends of the Library, with Pat Larson and Joanie Cohen-Mitchell as co-presidents. The Friends reorganized and received 501c tax exempt status.

The library received a \$20,000 LSTA literacy grant from the Massachusetts Library Board of Commissioners for early childhood projects. This grant was postponed in its administration until October 2006, in deference to the new director's arrival.

The library once again saw an increase in the number of borrowers and items lent. The children's room at Wheeler Memorial Library had a record breaking day on June 30th, with 125 patrons coming in.

ORANGE PLANNING BOARD 2005 ANNUAL REPORT

Special Permits

Ten special permit applications were approved during 2005 after public hearings were held. These special permits included construction of a new warehouse by Pete's Tire Barns on New Athol Rd.; construction of a seasonal camping and skydiving center by Jumptown at the airport; relocation of the Holbek Group, a museum exhibit design and fabrication company, to the former Dexter Machine building on South Main St.; construction of a car wash at the House of Wax on New Athol Road; construction of a cell tower on Old Hickory Rd. by Gridcom; and reopening of the Tully Mill Pond restaurant and store in Tully; among others.

Subdivision Reviews

One small subdivision was approved on Shingle Brook Road, consisting of two lots at the end of a private road. Only one lot is being built upon at this time.

Site Plan Reviews

Site plan reviews were conducted during 2005 for additions to cell towers on Haskins Road and the CAT tower on East River St., pursuant to the Cell Tower Bylaw.

"Approval Not Required" Plans

In 2005, the Planning Board signed 17 ANR plans including a total of 32 lots, 29 of which are potentially buildable. This represented an 55% decrease in the total number of lots and a 57% decrease in the number of potentially buildable lots created compared to the previous year.

Other Board Business

The Planning Board held public hearings on two proposed zoning bylaw changes that were ultimately presented to Town Meeting in May 2005. These were an accessory apartment bylaw and a right-to-farm bylaw, both of which passed.

Members of the Planning Board continued to participate along with other citizens in the Master Planning process, with the assistance of consultants from the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. The Master Plan has been completed, and the committee continues to work on revisions to the Town's zoning bylaws.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Smith
Clerk
Orange Planning Board

TOWN OF ORANGE PLANNING BOARD

ANR LOTS 2005

Owner	Address	Date	# of Lots	Notes
Rhonda Bartlett	Royalston and Athol Roads, No. Orange	1/11/2005	2	
Erali, Griffiths, Head	343 E. River St.	1/25/05	2	
Richard & Karen Fairman	Fairman Road	3/22/05	2	
Victor Lazlo Realty Trust	Adams and King Streets	4/12/05	2	
Richard D. Wilkey	Eagleville Rd.	4/12/05	5	
Tire Barns Realty Trust	New Athol Road	6/14/05	2	not buildable; outlots to abutter & Elks
Susan Oleksiw	62R Main St., North Orange	6/28/05	1	creation of flag lot
Jay Guilmette & Martha Picard	Hillside Terrace	7/12/05	1	
Jay Guilmette & Martha Picard	Hillside Terrace	7/26/05	1	
Tom Strunjo	Briggs and Shumway Streets	9/13/05	2	1 new lot split off from existing one
Jaques Andre Istel	Walnut Hill Rd.	9/27/05	2	
Kathryn Johnson	Wheeler and Ward Roads	10/11/05	2	
Tom Strunjo	Johnson Rd.	10/25/05	3	incl. 1 flag lot
Paul, Anthony & Joe Cassarino	Walnut Hill Rd.	11/22/05	2	
James E. Hayes, Jr.	122 E. Main St.	11/22/05	2	
Town of Orange	Jones St.	12/27/05	1	
Richard & Karen Fairman	Fairman Road	12/27/05	2	

TOTAL LOTS (year-to-date)

32

LESS UNBUILDABLE OR ANNEXED LOTS

3

POTENTIALLY BUILDABLE LOTS

29

ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT – 2005 ANNUAL REPORT

On behalf of the Town's police department, I hereby submit the annual report for the year 2005.

The year 2005 continued to be a challenge fiscally for the police department. Citizens need to be aware that the Police Department is dangerously under funded. Three patrolmen are not funded by the police department's budget. Civilian dispatchers have been cut, so the building is unmanned the majority of the time. Community policing events, such as National Night Out have been eliminated. Officer training is at a minimal.

We were in danger of laying off two patrolmen, due to lack of funding. One of these positions was the School resource Officer. The SRO addresses safety & truancy issues with the school systems. Because of the police department's direct involvement with truancy, absenteeism rates are way down. Studies show that when absenteeism rates are down, the daytime crime rate is down. Both the elementary and the regional school superintendents saw the urgency with this situation, and agreed to fund the school resource officer out of their budgets. I would like to thank them again for their graciousness. The second Officer was funded from state community policing funds. In the past, these funds were used for things like National Night Out, bike patrols, radar patrols, and special patrols of remote areas in town such as North Orange and Tully. Now, this money is used for salary. One Officer was already being paid from state funds. This is the second.

All of the civilian aides were laid off in July, leaving the department with no support staff evenings or weekends. All emergency calls continue to be answered by a state 911-dispatch center located at the State Police barracks in Shelburne Falls. Officers must now return to the station to log calls for service, return general business phone calls, and monitor prisoners. All of these tasks, which were formerly performed by civilian aides, reduce time spent on patrol.

The biggest criminal issues facing the Town of Orange at this time are domestic violence and narcotic violations. Officers continue to spend a large portion of their work hours responding to domestic violence calls, serving and enforcing restraining orders, and processing domestic assault arrests. Narcotics cases require many hours of surveillance and investigation before they come to fruition. At this time, due to lack of funding, most cases are turned over to the State Police. The police department works cooperatively with the court system, schools, and other social service agencies to try and quell these escalating concerns.

CONTINUING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)

During the year 2005, the SRO position continued to be a valued and supported alliance between the Orange school systems and the police department. Through this position Officer Robert Haigh Jr. has gained strong ties to the employees of all schools in town, and thus has increased the communication and assisted with more investigations for the school system. As SRO, and Supervisor of Attendance, the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School has once again lowered its truancy rate by a substantial margin.

Furthermore, the alliance between the police department and school administration, specifically Mahar Regional, has created a safer school environment. On multiple occasions, Officer Haigh has been able to work with the school staff to conduct successful investigations into both narcotic and weapon violations on school grounds. The communication gaps between the police and the schools continue to shrink and a more enjoyable work and learning environment is continuing to grow.

2005 also saw drastic changes at the R. C. Mahar Regional School, as the Vice Principal, Shawn Rickan who Officer Haigh had worked closely with for the past three years, left for another school district, and a new Superintendent was also hired. Event though there was no negativity involved with the changes, it was now time to start over with the communication to establish new trusts and work relationships. I feel that this process was becoming a success, and with Officer Chad Softic continuing on with the position of SRO in 2006, that the relationships with grow further.

In conclusion, I feel that the SRO position continues to be a valid institution for the Orange Police Department, and the Town of Orange. I feel that each year the position remains open, that communication and confidence will grow, and safety will increase. Finally, I feel that having an officer who will speak with students, and the youth of town, has created a greater feeling of accessibility for many of the young people who previously felt we were out of reach.

DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION (D.A.R.E.)

The Orange D.A.R.E. program hit some snags this past year. "Officer Bob" was injured on the job right in the middle of teaching program and is still out on leave. Officer Dan Kimball stepped in and finished teaching the classes. During the school year approximately 140 kids were taught the new curriculum, and successfully graduated with a renewed commitment to be drug free.

With Officer Fisher being out on extended injury leave we have sent the new School Resource Officer, Chad Softic off to school to become a certified D.A.R.E. instructor. He will begin teaching the classes in the spring of 2006.

Those wishing to learn more about the D.A.R.E. program, fund raising, or other Community Service Programs are encouraged to contact Officer Softic.

TRIAD

The Orange Police Department's TRIAD program strengthens bonds between the Police Department and Orange Senior Citizens. Since the program's local inception (1994), the department has presented this nationally recognized partnership. The program has offered countless workshops and programs to improve senior safety and quality of life. Officer Dan Kimball stepped down as the department's TRIAD Officer and I have taken over this role.

In 2005 the Orange TRIAD program partnered with the Orange Council on Aging to offer programs at the Orange Senior Center. Monthly, Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T.) Council meetings are held at the Senior Center in conjunction with Council on Aging meetings. S.A.L.T. discusses initiatives and programming for the TRIAD program.

The TRIAD Officer serves as a community resource in areas pertaining to the safety and security of senior citizens. The TRIAD Officer is available to speak one on one with seniors about these issues and will deliver available crime prevention and safety materials to Orange Seniors as needed. Any persons interested in learning more about the TRIAD program are encouraged to contact me, Chief Spear, at The Orange Police Department at 978-544-2129.

CITIZEN'S POLICE AUXILIARY

The Citizen's Police Auxiliary (CPA) is still active and continues to hold monthly meetings. The CPA assisted the police department with traffic for numerous events, i.e., River Rat race, Engine Show, etc.

COMMAND POST

The search for a replacement Command Post continued into 2005 from 2004 with one being purchased on May 26th 2005. The replacement is a left over 2003 Haulmark trailer that had never been used. Its rugged design for transporting all terrain vehicles and doubling as a camper made it the perfect unit for our needs. Alan Lego of the Orange Fire Departments Wilderness Team, and Officer Clay Rushford of this department, donated much of their time and talent to modifying the trailer. Reconfiguring started in May and was completed in August. A Search Cam 2000 was obtained through a grant application and assigned to the Command

Post. This unit will enable us to look into a confined space, or collapsed structure and not only observe, but communicate with anyone who may be trapped.

This year as they did in 2004, the Citizens Police Auxiliary donated another piece of equipment. This was a much-needed folding table. We also obtained through grant funding two 10' by 10' tents and portable halogen lights. This past year we were able to obtain many other items we did not have which makes the unit more versatile than in the past.

The Command Post was deployed six times this year. It was also activated as an administrative office from August 8th to the 14th when noxious fumes consumed the Police Department forcing personnel out of the building. It was also on standby for the Greenfield Fire Department when that town was encountering severe flooding. It was activated for the block fire in the center of town, and at the scene of a drowning in Warwick and a fatal fire in Orange.

CANINE PROGRAM

During the past year the unit re-certified as a utility patrol team by meeting the requirements set forth by the North American Police Work Dog Association. They also kept busy with demonstrations for the numerous organizations in town. An informational class on canine deployment in missing person incidents was conducted for members of the Warwick Fire Department. The unit also provided security for comedian Bill Cosby at the Orange airport. Below is a break down of activity for the year:

Breaking and Entering:	9	Open Doors:	0
Out of Town Assists:	3	Prowlers:	0
Evidence Recovery:	1	Arrests:	2
Suspicious Activity:	0	Alarms:	27
Building Searches:	0	Tracks:	17
Security Detail:	1	Miscellaneous:	3
Missing Persons:	5	Demonstrations:	6
Crowd Control:	0	Training Days:	26
Area Searches:	1		

IN-SERVICE TRAINING

Firearms Qualifying: Sergeant Craig Lundgren, our firearm instructor, has qualified all our permanent and reserve officers in the proper use of our semiautomatic handguns and shotguns.

First Responder/C.P.R.: All officers are certified as First Responders and in CPR/AED. Officer Robert Fisher is the instructor and is teaching us through the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council.

Officer Refresher Course: All full-time and part-time officers have attended the in-service training held by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council.

STATISTICS

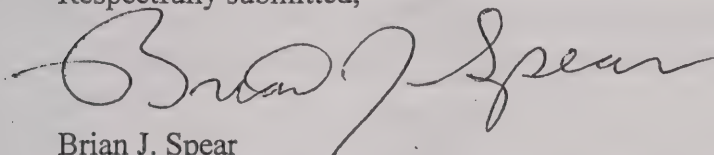
Calls For Service:	7911
911 Calls:	260
Domestic/Disturbance Calls:	594
Accidents:	382
M. V. Citations Issued:	698
Summons Served:	238
Restraining Orders Served:	53
Adult Arrests:	248
Juvenile Arrests:	44
Persons Taken into Protective Custody:	32
Investigations Assigned:	518
Criminal Court Applications:	162

GRANTS 2004

Community Policing:	\$40,019.00
Federal Block Grant:	\$0.00
USDA Grant:	\$0.00
DARE:	\$0.00
Gov. Highway Safety:	\$3,600.00
State Anti- Terrorism:	\$12,000.00
TOTAL:	\$55,619.00

The Orange Police Department has a mission statement, which reads: "We, the Orange Police Department, are committed to providing the highest quality of police service by empowering our members and the community to work in partnership. The goal being to improve the quality of life within the Town of Orange, while at the same time maintaining respect for individual's rights and dignity." I would like to thank the citizens of Orange and the employees of the police department for another year of "working in partnership."

Respectfully submitted,



Brian J. Spear
Chief of Police

TOWN OF ORANGE
Recycling Center/Transfer Station
6 Prospect Street / Location: Jones Street
Orange, Ma 01364

Phone: 978-544-1118 Fax: 978-544-1120

E-Mail: sanit@townoforange.org

2005 ANNUAL REPORT

To date the facility has been operating in a smooth and relatively efficient state.

The facility is open on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., scales close at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday and Friday we are closed for maintenance and repairs. Holiday closings are posted at the facility, on the answering machine, in local newspapers, and on AO TV.

In March we changed to a new vendor for our recyclables, and have saved approximately \$10,230.00 in hauling fees. The new system for recyclables is working to the advantage of everyone.

Please remember, there are state and town regulations stating you must recycle, and on behalf of the Center, we want to thank every one for their continuing efforts to recycle, and for placing their recyclables in the correct container.

The following materials were collected during 2005:

Municipal Solid Waste	577 tons
Demolition Materials	371 tons
Cardboard, Paper & Magazines	294 tons
Glass, Tin, Aluminum, Plastic	66 tons
Scrap Metal, Appliances	76 tons
Batteries	2 tons
Clothing	10 tons
Leaves, Brush	164 tons
Tires	207 tires
TV's, Monitors, Electronics	10 tons
Bags sold:	52,093
Stickers sold:	
Orange Res.	1,398
Commercial	37
Replacement	39

Respectfully submitted,
Priscilla Curtis, Manager

Orange Revitalization Partnership Annual Report 2005

The Orange Revitalization Partnership works to support economic and community development in the town of Orange. The Partnership meets quarterly and has its annual meeting in October. It is funded through donations from individuals and from the Town Hall Entertainment Committee's events from which it earns a percentage for financial management of these events.. The partnership has appreciated past donations received in memorial of deceased individuals.

STARRY STARRY NIGHT: This year's New Year's Eve celebration marked the event's tenth anniversary. This year an award was given to the Starry Starry Night committee by the Massachusetts Cultural Councils.

There were various musical performances which included Zoe and the Fiddleheads offering traditional Celtic music; Entre Amigos with an international selection; Moonlight and Morningstar presenting multi-cultural selections; Julie Capone Smith and Stephanie Parker with Broadway show tunes; Ralph Hills and friends doing dixieland jazz; Brooks Williams, solo guitarist; and Amandla, a community chorus. Comedian Jim Dailakis and the Ha Ha Sisterhood provided comic performances.. Dance performances were presented by the Dance Studio. There was a story teller, juggler, and puppeteer for the younger set. Ice Sculptures and a bon fire were happening in the late afternoon and evening. The giant puppet parade commenced after the entertainments, leading people to the park to view the fireworks display.

This event is paid for through donations from businesses, organizations and individuals. Support is also given from the Massachusetts Cultural Councils.

WATERFRONT PARK: This project, which originated through early planning as a partnership project, continues to go forward. Construction is planned to begin in July 2006. There have been two grants received totaling \$248,000, one from the state and one from the DEP. This project has benefitted from the support of Senator Stephen Brewer and Representative Chris Donelan.

President: Candice Ashenden
Vice-President Pat Andrews

Secretary: Joanna Fisher
Treasurers: Fred and Murray Mock



Town of Orange
Office of the Board of Selectmen
6 Prospect Street
Orange, MA 01364

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Richard Sheridan, *Vice-Chairman*
Robert F. Andrews, *Clerk*

Richard T. Kwiatkowski, Town Administrator
Carol Mayer, Admin. Coordinator
Phone: (978) 544-1100 Ext 106*Fax: (978) 544-1120

ANNUAL REPORT 2005
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Following the Annual Election in March, the Board of Selectmen reorganized with Robert Andrews, Chairman, Richard Sheridan, Vice Chairman, and Steven Adam, Clerk. Late in the month of September, the Board reorganized again and voted Steven Adam, Chairman, Richard Sheridan, Vice Chairman, and Robert Andrews, Clerk.

Under the overall direction of the Board of Selectmen, all of our town departments worked hard to continue to provide services to our citizens despite our very tight financial position. Roads were maintained, fires were put out, ambulance service provided; our bylaws were enforced, and those found breaking the laws of the land were taken into custody.

The Board had a busy year. This could be a very lengthy (and boring) report if I were to list everything the Board was involved in; the following is a random sampling:

- Updated the Town's Community Development Strategy in order to apply for FY2005 CDBG funding
- Wrapped up Memorandums of Understanding for key department heads.
- Oversaw the planning and subsequent applications for funding of the Orange Riverfront Park project.
- Renewed the contract of the Town Administrator.
- Oversaw the work on the Shelter Street Neighborhood Stabilization Project.
- Renewed the Cable Television license with Time-Warner Cable.
- Accepted preliminary study plans for a new Public Safety Complex to go to Town Meeting.
- Renewed the contract between the Town of Orange and the Chief of Police.
- Approved a nine-year TIF Application for Pete's Tire Barns to go before Town Meeting for approval.
- Finalized list of projects for FY2006 CDBG grant application.
- Applied for State and Federal funding to renovate the Putnam Hall building in the center of town.
- Completed the Town of Orange's Commonwealth Capital Application.
- Oversaw emergency repairs to the brickwork on Town Hall
- Awarded the Eddy Street Neighborhood Stabilization Project.

One of the Board's tasks is to assure the Town operates in a fiscally responsible manner. To that end the Board took steps to move toward an Enterprise Account for sewer user fees. The Board also considered changing to a bi-weekly payroll, but given the cost of electricity and fuel, we decided the transition would be a hardship on our employees at present. In a similar light, the Board did recognize a need and voted to change our payroll software provider.

There is no doubt that the Board of Selectmen would be unable to accomplish much of anything without the contributions of many dedicated townspeople. The Board thanks Town Administrator, Richard Kwiatkowski; and Carol Mayer, the Administrative Coordinator for their diligent efforts. We also owe a debt of gratitude to the members of the many Boards and Commissions within the town. Our town would not operate as smoothly as it does without their dedication. Last, but certainly not least, we thank the many volunteers who labor for the benefit of all of us who live in the Town of Orange. Your cooperative efforts have helped make our community a safe and healthy place to live in, and a community to be proud of. Thank you all!

Steven E. Adam, Chairman
Richard P. Sheridan, Vice Chairman
Robert F. Andrews, Clerk

Town Hall Restoration Committee

Annual Report

2005

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Orange:

The committee has met monthly during the year to continue the restoration of the Ruth B. Smith Auditorium. New idea's and much discussion on how the committee can fund the remaining work to complete the auditorium restoration.

The soda bottle thermometer on the lawn indicates the THRC is nearing it goal as the Town continues to receive private citizen and service club donations that have been very generous.

The committee prepared an Arts and Culture Grant application to Time Warner cable. In November the Town received a check for \$5,000. This will be used to continue the renovations and to leverage other matching grants.

The Town Hall Entertainment Committee has continued to provide quality venues of entertainment enjoyed by all age groups. In addition the committee donates part of their profits to the Restoration Fund, which the Committee is very grateful for their efforts.

This was a year of change. Doris Bittenbender, Olinto Paoletti and Curtis Rand resigned for personal reasons and Janis Stone moved to Maine. All were on the Committee when it was formed in 1999. As many people have come and stood in awe at the beauty of the hall, be proud of your accomplishments and the work you have done to restore the Town Hall and the Ruth B. Smith Auditorium.

GOOD LUCK and THANK YOU.

The THRC completed and submitted to the Capital Improvement Planning Committee, a projected list of projects to the year 2012. The completion of these projects will depend on available money and the awarding of grant applications.

It was noted during the Summer there was moisture build-up on the outside of the North and West walls of the stage. With the assistance of the Fire Department's ladder truck and a inspection by Brian Gale, Building Inspector, it was determined that it was a serious problem that needed attention before the freezing season arrived. The Town Administrator was able to engage Monaco Restorations, Inc. to point the bricks before Winter arrived.

- To recognize the many donations received for the restoration projects, a sub committee is finalizing the design/cost of a recognition plaque.
- The Stage Lighting, sub committee is soliciting proposals for stage lighting, wiring and control panel.

Respectfully submitted by the Town Hall Restoration Committee:

Bob Andrews

Pat Andrews

Jean Chase

Richard Hall

Deborah Kent

Shirley Page

Pamela Smith

Pennie Smith

Linda Temple

Karl Bittenbender, Friend of the THRC and the Auditorium Entertainment Committee

Rick Kwiatkowski, Town Administrator and Chairman of the THRC

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen: the report of the Treasurer for the Town of Orange for Fiscal Year 2005 is herewith submitted.

Cash on hand 7-1-04: General Fund	\$ 5,947,908.05
Total Receipts	19,307,216.93
Disbursements	(23,434,586.46)
Cash on hand 6-30-05	1,820,538.52
Tax Titles held 7-01-04	186,948.22
Tax Titles held 6-30-05	172,518.70

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh A. Deveneau
Treasurer



WWTF

Orange Wastewater Treatment Facility

2005 ANNUAL REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and Residents

The facility continues to run well thanks to the efforts of our dedicated staff.

Effluent Toxicity and sludge analysis results came in excellent.

Starting in July 2006 the Wastewater Facilities will begin working under an Enterprise Fund, which means all the operating expenses will be funded by the users of these systems and not come from the general fund.

During the last year sewer improvements were made in the Shelter Street area. These and other improvements help in reducing clean water coming into the treatment facility.

I would like to encourage residents, connected to the sewer system, to help in reducing this extra flow by redirecting sump pumps, roof leaders, floor drains etc. out of the sewer system. This extra water is clean and does not need to be sent to the treatment facility. Extra water going into the Treatment Facility increases operating costs for everyone on the system.

We encourage residents to make an appointment for a guided tour of the Facility and become familiar with our operation in protecting the Millers River for future generations.

Annual Data

Total rainfall - 63.79 inches

Total Wastewater Treated - 488.71 Million Gallons

Total Sludge Disposed - 80.96 Tons of Dry Solids

Total Sodium Hypochlorite (Effluent disinfection) - 1,400 gallons

Total Cationic Polymer (Sludge Thickening) - 200 pounds

Total Sodium Aluminate (Phosphorus Removal) - 1,100 gallons

New Sewer Connections - 26 Single Family Homes

1 Duplex

1 Car Wash

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Billiel Jr.

Chief Operator

Report of the Water Department

To The Honorable Board of Water Commissioners,
I hereby submit the Annual Report for the Water Department
For the calendar year 2005

Total gallons of water pumped	2004	195,960,780
Total gallons of water pumped	2005	195,451,590
Total meters read	7204	
New water meters installed	153	
Water meters repaired	4	
New service lines installed	27	
Domestic service lines renewed	16	
Domestic service lines turned on & off at owners request	68	
Frozen meters	11	
Frozen service lines	0	
Fire hydrants rebuilt	1	
Fire hydrants replaced	2	
Fire hydrants added to water distribution system	4	
Leaks repaired in main lines	1	
Domestic service line leaks repaired	9	

New Pipeline Installations

1000 linear feet of new 8" ductile iron water main was installed on Shelter St.

1600 linear feet of new 8" ductile iron water main was installed at Doubleday Fields.

With Water Works Pride,
Bruce A. Merriam
Bruce A. Merriam
Water Superintendent

**Annual Town Election
March 7, 2005**

Total Votes Cast	1,141	
Total Registered Voters	4,407	
Selectman (3 years)		
Blank	11	Eleven
Steven Adam	769	Seven hundred sixty-nine
Thomas Strunjo	361	Three hundred sixty-one
Selectman (2 years)		
Blank	63	Sixty-three
Derek Barber	469	Four hundred sixty-nine
Robert Kirkwood	115	One hundred fifteen
Richard Sheridan	486	Four hundred eighty-six
Others	8	Eight
Moderator		
Blank	137	One hundred thirty-seven
Christopher Woodcock	1,000	One thousand
Others	4	Four
Town Clerk		
Blank	130	One hundred thirty
Nancy M. Blackmer	1,006	One thousand six
Others	5	Five
Assessor		
Blank	204	Two hundred four
Jay Closser	933	Nine hundred thirty-three
Others	4	Four
Board of Health		
Blank	194	One hundred ninety-four
John Dolan	943	Nine hundred forty-three
Others	4	Four
Tree Warden		
Blank	225	Two hundred twenty-five
Brenda Piro	909	Nine hundred nine
Others	7	Seven
Elementary School Committee		
Blank	615	Six hundred fifteen
Marcia Larocque	889	Eight hundred eighty-nine

Carol Chandler	774	Seven hundred seventy-four
Others	4	Four
Regional School Committee		
Blank	599	Five hundred ninety-nine
Maureen Donelan	864	Eight hundred sixty-four
Robin LaCroix	813	Eight hundred thirteen
Others	6	Six
Library Trustee (3 years)		
Blank	660	Six hundred sixty
Peter Jefts	755	Seven hundred fifty-five
Jean Thompson	865	Eight hundred sixty-five
Others	2	Two
Library Trustee (2 years)		
Blank	204	Two hundred four
Richard Ballou	935	Nine hundred thirty-five
Others	2	Two
Library Trustee (1 year)		
Blank	626	Six hundred twenty-six
Rice Flanders	848	Eight hundred forty-eight
Lisa Vaughan	805	Eight hundred five
Others	3	Three
Water Commissioner		
Blank	63	Sixty-three
Donald Priestley	561	Five hundred sixty-one
Richard Kilhart	517	Five hundred seventeen
Cemetery Commissioner		
Blank	98	Ninety-eight
Roger Tolman	785	Seven hundred eighty-five
Michael Shepardson	257	Two hundred fifty-seven
Others	1	One
Housing Authority (5 years)		
Blank	201	Two hundred one
Richard Herk	937	Nine hundred thirty-seven
Others	3	Three
Housing Authority (2 years)		
Blank	234	Two hundred thirty-four
Randy Plante	904	Nine hundred four
Others	3	Three

Housing Authority (1 year)		
Blank	1051	One thousand fifty-one
Scott Johnson	13	Thirteen
Others	77	Seventy-seven

A true record of the vote.

Attest:

Nancy M. Blackmer, CMC, CMMC
Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
May 2, 2005**

The amount of free cash in the Treasury, certified by the Director of Accounts is
\$177,583.00

The amount of available funds for the Water Enterprise Fund, certified by the
Director of Accounts is \$286,829.00

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present by Moderator Christopher Woodcock. The National Anthem was led by Richard Hall, accompanied by Donald Ainsworth.

ARTICLE 1: WATER DEPARTMENT TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$5,569.41 from the Water Retained Earnings Account to the Water Expense Account to reimburse the expense account for repairs made to the backhoe, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 1:

Motion: that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$5,569.41 from the Water Retained Earnings Account to the Water Expense Account to reimburse the expense account for repairs made to the backhoe.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 2: TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR UNPAID BILL

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of money from available funds for the payment of prior fiscal years Athol Daily News Advertising, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 2:

Motion: that the Town vote \$46.20 to be taken from FY 2005 Budget in the Board of Selectmen Expense Account for payment of prior fiscal years Athol Daily News Advertising.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 3: WATER DEPARTMENT TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$1,125.00 from the Water Expense Account to the Water Long Term Interest Account to pay the interest on the FY 05 Water Pipe River Crossing Loan, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 3:

Motion: that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$1,125.00 from the Water Expense Account to the Water Long Term Interest Account to pay the interest on the FY 05 Water Pipe River Crossing Loan.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 4: TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$163,564.00 from available funds for the payment of a prior Fiscal Year 2004 deficit in the Group Health Insurance Trust, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 4:

Motion: that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$63,564.00 from Free Cash for the payment of prior fiscal year 2004 deficit in the Group Health Insurance Trust.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 5: LINE ITEMS TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer additional sums of money from available funds to the following FY 05 appropriations to be specified at the Special Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 5:

Motion: that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the following sums to and from the following sources or accounts for the purposes set forth below, each item being considered a separate appropriation, all for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005.

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO AND FOR</u>
\$10,000.00	Free Cash	Police outside detail account

\$ 2,500.00	Free Cash	FRTA Account
\$58,137.72	Free Cash	Snow & Ice
\$ 6,000.00	Free Cash	Amb. Receipts Reserve Account

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 6: INTRADEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS OF FUNDS FROM ONE DEPARTMENT TO ANOTHER DEPARTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate sums to be specified at the Special Town Meeting within departmental accounts, from one department line item of such accounts to another department line item, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 6:

Motion: that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the following sums of money to and from the following sources or accounts for the purposes set forth below, each item being considered a separate appropriation, all for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO AND FOR</u>
\$ 8,000.00	Police Dept Wages	Police Dept Expense
\$ 5,150.00	Dog Offices Salary	Dog Officer Expense
\$ 625.66	Town Admin. Wages	Town Admin. Expense
\$20,000.00	Water Dept Salary	Water Dept Expense
\$ 6,000.00	Water Dept Expense	Wtr Dept Tully Water Exp.
\$ 2,725.00	Treasurer Expense	Finance Reserve Fund
\$ 997.00	Treasurer Expense	Treasurer Wages
\$ 9,000.00	Highway Const. Salary	Highway Expense

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 7: TUITION TO SMITH VOCATIONAL AND AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of money from available funds to pay the Sped Tuition and Tuition for Students that attended Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School for the School Year 2004-2005, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 7:

Motion: that the Town vote transfer and appropriate \$9,472.53 from Stabilization Fund to pay the Sped Tuition and Tuition for Students that attended Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School for the school year 2004-2005.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 8: SUNSET DRIVE PROPERTY LOT 15-0-20

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate \$5,000.00 from available funds for the purpose of surveying the former Village Woods Realty (Zocco) property on Sunset Drive resulting in an "ANR" survey plan of the 3 lots with iron pins set at all principal corners, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 8:

Motion: that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate \$5,000.00 from Free Cash for the purpose of surveying the former Village Woods Realty (Zocco) property on Sunset Drive now owned by the Town Of Orange resulting in an "ANR" survey plan of the 3 lots with iron pins set at all principal corners.

Motion: to pass over this article. Motion to pass over passed, not unanimously.

ARTICLE 9: POLICE DEPARTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate \$28,500.00 from available funds to purchase one new marked **Police Cruiser**, complete with set-up, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 9:

Motion: that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate \$28,500.00 from Free Cash to purchase one new marked Police Cruiser, complete with set-up.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

(Recommended by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee)

Motion passed, not unanimously.

ARTICLE 10: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate \$22,000.00 from available funds for the **purchase of 2 stainless steel sander units and the installation and repair to the existing highway vehicles which they will be installed upon**, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 10:

Motion: that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate \$22,000.00 from Stabilization Fund for the purchase of 2 stainless steel sander units and the installation and repair to the existing highway vehicles, which they will be installed upon.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

(Recommended by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee)

Motion passed, by required 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE 11: TRANSFER FROM SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$2,500.00 from the **Cemetery Sale of Lots** account to the Cemetery Expense account for fiscal year 05 with moneys voted at annual Town Meeting May 3, 2004 for the purpose of tree work in Central Cemetery, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 11:

Motion: that the Town vote to transfer \$2,500.00 from the Cemetery Sale of Lots account to the Cemetery Expense account to be added to moneys voted at annual Town Meeting May 3, 2004 for the purpose of tree work in Central Cemetery.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 12: STABILIZATION FUND TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum or sums of money from available funds to the Stabilization Fund, under M.G.L. c40, §5b, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 12:

Motion: that the Town vote to transfer \$8,861.24 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund, under M.G.L. c40, §5b.

Motion: to pass over this article. Motion to pass over, passed, unanimously.

The Special Town Meeting was dissolved at 7:35 p.m.

Recapitulation:

Article 1:

From	To	Amount
Water Retained Earnings	Water Expense	\$5,569.41

Article 2:

Selectmen Expense for prior year bill		\$46.20
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Article 3:

Water Expense	Water Long Term Interest	\$1,125.00
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Article 4:

Free Cash	Group Health Ins. Trust	\$63,564.00
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Article 5:

Free Cash	Police Outside Detail	\$10,000.00
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Free Cash	FRTA Account	\$2,500.00
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Free Cash	Snow & Ice	\$58,137.72
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Free Cash	Amb. Rec. Reserve Acct.	\$6,000.00
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Article 6:

Police Wages	Police Exp.	8,000.00
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Dog Salary	Dog Exp.	5,150.00
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Town Admin. Wages	Town Admin. Exp.	625.66
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Water Dept. Salary	Water Exp.	20,000.00
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Water Dept. Exp.	Tully Water Exp.	6,000.00
Treasurer Expense	Finance Reserve Fund	2,725.00
Treasurer Expense	Treasurer Wates	997.00
Highway Const. Salary	Highway Exp.	9,000.00
Article 7:		
Stabilization	Tuition, Smith Voc.	9,472.53
Article 9:		
Free Cash	Police Cruiser	28,500.00
Article 10:		
Stabilization	Highway Sanders	22,000.00
Article 11:		
Cemetery Sale of Lots	Cemetery Expense	2,500.00
A true record of the vote.		

ATTEST:

Nancy M. Blackmer, CMC, CMMC
Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 2, 2005**

The amount of free cash in the Treasury, certified by the Director of Accounts is
\$ 3,861.28

The amount of available funds for the Water Enterprise Fund, certified by the
Director of Accounts is \$000,000.00

The meeting opened at 7:35 p.m. following the Special Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 1: TOWN REPORTS AND FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of its officers for the past year, or
take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

2004 Orange Town Report
Hazardous Spills Revolving Fund
F.R.T.A. Transportation System Revolving Fund
O.R.A. Revolving Fund
Gas Inspector's Revolving Fund
Plumbing Inspector's Revolving Fund
Airport Fuel Revolving Fund

ARTICLE 1:

Motion: to accept and keep on file the following reports as presented, without
ratification of any action taken, or authorization of any action proposed:

2004 Orange Town Report
Hazardous Spills Revolving Fund

**F.R.T.A. Transportation System Revolving Fund
O.R.A. Revolving Fund
Gas Inspector's Revolving Fund
Plumbing Inspector's Revolving Fund
Airport Fuel Revolving Fund**

These are standard reports, made by the various Boards and officers of the Town, describing finances and activities involved with the named items.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 2: SALE OF TAX TITLE LAND

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer from the Treasurer to the Board of Selectmen the care, custody and control of those parcels of land acquired by the Town through foreclosure of tax titles in the land court or commissioner's affidavit of land of low value and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, those parcels acquired by the Town by foreclosure of tax titles in the land court or commissioner's affidavit of land of low value, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 2:

Motion:

1. that the Town vote to authorize the transfer from the Treasurer to the Board of Selectmen, the care, custody and control of those parcels of land acquired by the Town through foreclosure of tax titles in the land court or commissioner's affidavit of low value for the purpose of selling said parcels in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws.

Motion passed, unanimously.

Motion:

2. that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, those parcels acquired by the Town by foreclosure of tax titles in the Land Court or commissioner's affidavit of land of low value.

This is a routine article, voted on each year, which allows Town authorization to conduct auctions to dispose of property we acquire through Tax title.

Motion passed, not unanimously.

ARTICLE 3: AUTHORIZE BORROWING

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of the revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 in accordance with the M.G.L. c44, §4, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 3:

Motion: that the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of the revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 in accordance with the M.G.L. c44, §4.

This is a routine article, to vote on each year, which allows the Town Treasurer authorization to borrow short-term loans.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 4: BALANCE AGREEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2006 as permitted by M.G.L. c44, s53F, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 4:

Motion: that the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2006 as permitted by M.G.L. c44, §53F.

This is a routine article, to vote on each year, which allows Town Treasurer authorization to compensating balance agreements.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 5 thru 10:

Motion: that articles 5 thru and including 10 be accepted as printed.

The articles are standard articles, providing the funding for the revolving accounts and are voted each year. One vote to save time at Town Meeting.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 5: F.R.T.A. REVOLVING FUND

To see if the Town will vote, upon recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, to re-establish a Revolving Fund in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, s.53E1/2 for the F.R.T.A. Transportation System in Orange.

The funds to be deposited into this account are revenue from F.R.T.A.

The Director of the Council on Aging shall authorize all revenue and expenses related to the operation of the F.R.T.A. Transportation System in Orange, such fund not to exceed \$30,000 in expenditures in FY 06 unless both the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee recommend such additional amounts, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 6: HAZARDOUS SPILLS REVOLVING FUND

To see if the Town will vote, upon recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, to re-establish a Revolving Fund in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, §53E1/2 for the Fire Department.

The funds to be deposited into this account are receipts in connection with hazardous material incidents.

The Fire Chief shall authorize all revenue and expenses related to the operation of hazardous material incidents of the Fire Department for supplies, equipment, clothing, vehicle response, labor and training, such fund not to exceed \$20,000 in expenditures in FY 06 unless such additional amounts are recommended by both the

Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 7: O.R.A. REVOLVING FUND

To see if the Town will vote, upon recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, to re-establish a Revolving Fund in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, §53E1/2 for the Orange Recreation Assoc. (O.R.A.) in Orange.

The funds to be deposited into this account are revenue from O.R.A.

The Orange Recreation Assoc. shall authorize all revenue and expenses related to the operation of the Orange Recreation Assoc. such fund not to exceed \$30,000 in expenditures in FY 06 unless both the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee recommend such additional amounts, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 8: GAS INSPECTOR'S REVOLVING FUND

To see if the Town will vote, upon recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, to re-establish a Revolving Fund in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, §53E1/2 for the Gas Inspector.

The funds to be deposited into this account are revenue from Gas Inspector's services.

The Building Inspector shall authorize all expenditures of funds from this account, without further appropriation, such fund not to exceed \$15,000 in expenditures in FY 06 unless both the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee recommend such additional amounts. Funds will be used for the Gas Inspector's part-time salary and expenses, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 9: PLUMBING INSPECTOR'S REVOLVING FUND

To see if the Town will vote, upon recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, to re-establish a Revolving Fund in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, §53E1/2 for the Plumbing Inspector.

The funds to be deposited into this account are revenue from Plumbing Inspector's services.

The Building Inspector shall authorize all expenditures of funds from this account, without further appropriation, such fund not to exceed \$15,000 in expenditures in FY 06 unless both the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee recommend such additional amounts. Funds will be used for the Plumbing Inspector's part-time salary and expenses, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 10: AIRPORT FUEL REVOLVING FUND

To see if the Town will vote, upon recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, to re-establish a Revolving Fund in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, §53E1/2 for the Airport Department.

The funds to be deposited into this account are sums received from fees charged for sale of fuel at the airport. Disbursements will be made from this account for the purchase of the aviation fuel sold and related expenses at the Airport.

The Airport Commissioners shall authorize all expenditures of funds from this account, without further appropriation, provided that the amounts to be expended in FY 06 shall not exceed \$60,000 unless such additional amounts are recommended by both the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 11: ADOPTION OF GENERAL BYLAWS

To see if the Town shall accept the renumbering and revision of the various bylaws of the Town from their original numbering or their numbering in the General Bylaws, as amended through May 3, 2004, to the numbering or codification, arrangement, sequence and captions and the comprehensive revisions to the text of the General Bylaws as set forth in the Final Draft of the Code of the Town of Orange, dated May 2005, said codification having been done under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and Town Attorney, and said Code being a compilation and comprehensive revision of the present bylaws of the Town. All bylaws of a general and permanent nature, as amended, heretofore in force and not included in the Code shall be repealed, except that such repeal shall not affect any suit or proceeding pending as the result of an existing law, and such repeal shall not apply to or affect any bylaw, order or article heretofore adopted accepting or adopting the provisions of any statute of the Commonwealth. These bylaws shall be referred to as the "Code of the Town of Orange, Massachusetts." or to take any action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 11:

Motion: that the Town vote to accept the renumbering and revision of the various bylaws of the Town from their original numbering or their numbering in the General Bylaws, as amended through May 3, 2004, to the numbering or codification, arrangement, sequence and captions and the comprehensive revisions to the text of the General Bylaws as set forth in the Final Draft of the Code of the Town of Orange, dated May 2005, said codification having been done under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and Town Attorney, and said Code being a compilation and comprehensive revision of the present bylaws of the Town. All bylaws of a general and permanent nature, as amended, heretofore in force and not included in the Code shall be repealed, except that such repeal shall not affect any suit or proceeding pending as the result of an existing law, and such repeal shall not apply to or affect any bylaw, order or article heretofore adopted accepting or adopting the provisions of any statute of

the Commonwealth. These bylaws shall be referred to as the "Code of the Town of Orange, Massachusetts."

Motion passed, not unanimously.

ARTICLE 12: ADOPTION OF ZONING BYLAW

To see if the Town shall accept the renumbering and revision of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town from its original numbering, as amended through May 3, 2004, to the numbering or codification, arrangement, sequence and captions and the comprehensive revisions to the text of the Zoning Bylaw as set forth in the Final Draft of the Code of the Town of Orange, dated May 2005, said codification of the Zoning Bylaw having been done under the direction of the Planning Board, and being a compilation and comprehensive revision of the present Zoning Bylaw, including amendments thereto. All Zoning Bylaws, as amended, heretofore in force, shall be repealed, except that such repeal shall not affect any suit or proceeding pending as the result of an existing law. The Zoning Bylaw shall be codified as Chapter 205 of the "Code of the Town of Orange, Massachusetts." or to take any action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 12:

Motion: that the Town vote to Postpone Article 12 Indefinitely.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 13: GRANT APPLICATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for any state and federal grant programs that become available and expend any monies received, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 13 thru 14:

Motion: that articles 13 thru and including 14 be accepted as printed.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 14: SALE OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen or their designee to sell or otherwise dispose of surplus or obsolete personal property of the Town (a) after first having advertised in a daily newspaper for sale at least seven (7) days before the date of such sale and by posting a notice thereof in the Town Hall and (b) following the procedures required by M.G.L.c.30B §15, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 15: WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND SEWER DEPARTMENT BUDGET (ENTERPRISE FUND)

To see if the Town will accept the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, §53F ½, establishing the Waste Water Treatment Plant and Sewer Department as an enterprise fund effective fiscal year 07, beginning July 1, 2006,

ARTICLE 15:

Motion: that the Town vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, §53F ½, establishing the Waste Water Treatment Plant and Sewer Department as an enterprise fund effective fiscal year 07, beginning July 1, 2006,

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 16: LANDFILL MONITORING ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 from the Landfill Monitoring Account and to authorize the Board of Selectmen in accordance with M.G.L. c.44 §28c (f) to pay for expenditures of the cost of monitoring and maintenance of existing inactive landfill, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 16:

Motion: that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 from the Landfill Monitoring Account and to authorize the Board of Selectmen in accordance with M.G.L. c.44 §28c (f) to pay for expenditures of the cost of monitoring and maintenance of existing inactive landfill,

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

This will allow the department to pay for cost items for the monitoring and maintenance of the inactive landfill. This is required by vote of Town meeting. The money in this account comes from the sale of windshield stickers.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 17: MEMBER OF MUNICIPAL COMMISSION OR BOARD

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen in accordance with M.G.L. c.268A §21A, to be appointed to any office or position under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen, or to take any action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 17:

Motion: that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen in accordance with M.G.L. c.268A §21A, to appoint Richard P. Sheridan to the EDIC and the Planning Board position under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen.

Motion passed, not unanimously.

ARTICLE 18: RALPH C. MAHAR SCHOOL PK-12 DISTRICT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District School Committee to request that the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts enact legislation to validate and confirm an Amendment to the District Agreement expanding the District to a PK-12 District for the Towns of Orange and Petersham while maintaining the Towns of New Salem and Wendell as 7-12 members, or to take any action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 18:

Motion: that the Town vote to authorize the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District School Committee to request that the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts enact legislation to validate and confirm an Amendment to the District Agreement expanding the District to a PK-12 District for the Towns of Orange and Petersham while maintaining the Towns of New Salem and Wendell as 7-12 members.

After much discussion, the motion passed, not unanimously.

Eileen Perkins was recognized for her 48 years of service to the R.C. Mahar Regional School.

ARTICLE 19: RALPH C. MAHAR MULTI PURPOSE FIELD AND TRACK

To see if the Town will vote to approve the \$1,700,000.00 indebtedness authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District on April 5, 2005, for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing, adding to, equipping, remodeling or making extraordinary repairs to the District School facilities, multi-purpose field and track or to take any action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 19:

Motion: that the Town vote to approve the \$1,700,000.00 indebtedness authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District on April 5, 2005, for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing, adding to, equipping, remodeling or making extraordinary repairs to the District School facilities, multi-purpose field and track. Assessment payments for this indebtedness to come from private contributions and not from any appropriation from General Town Funds.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 20: WATER DEPARTMENT BUDGET (ENTERPRISE FUND)

To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation, borrow or transfer from available funds and to appropriate to the Water Enterprise Fund, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, §53F ½ such sums of money as may be necessary, together with revenue from the Water Department operations, to defray the expenses of the Water Department for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2005, or to take any action relative thereto or thereon.

WATER DEPARTMENT BUDGET

REVENUES

User Fees	\$505,228.48
Betterments	\$0.00
Investment income	\$5,683.68
Retained earnings	\$286,829.00

Total	\$797,741.16
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EXPENSES

Direct

Commission Salary	\$1,500.00
Salaries	\$192,693.00
Expenses	\$149,400.00
Equipment	\$35,000.00
Tully Water	\$13,500.00
Capital outlay	\$240,000.00
Debt & interest	\$51,125.00
Emergency reserve	\$1,500.00
Subtotal	\$684,718.00

Indirect

Retirement	\$14,414.58
W/Comp	\$4,070.84
Medicare	\$2,430.84
Health Insurance	\$21,958.20
Dental	\$1,382.91
Life	\$19.20
Insurance	\$5,002.94
Collecting Dept	\$6,191.88
Accountant/Treasurer Dept.	\$2,597.05
Subtotal	\$58,068.44

Total	\$742,786.44
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Surplus (deficit)	\$54,954.72
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Budgeted surplus	\$54,954.72
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\$742,786.44 to come from Water Receipts.

ARTICLE 20:

Motion: that the Town vote the following sums of money to be transferred from the Water Department Enterprise Fund Account and to be expended under the direction of the Water Commissioners.

WATER DEPARTMENT BUDGET

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(Recommended by Finance Committee)

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 21: SALARIES AND COMPENSATION

To see if the Town will vote to set the salary compensation of all elected officers of the town as provided by M.G.L.c.41, §108 to be made effective from July 1, 2005, as contained in the budget; or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 21:

Motion: that the Town vote to set the salary compensation of all elected officers of the town as provided by M.G.L.c.41, §108 to be made effective from July 1, 2005, as contained in the budget.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

This article specifically sets the compensation for all elected officers, whether they are on a Board or work a regular day for the Town. Regardless of how many hours they work, or what they accomplish, these are the salaries they shall receive.

Motion passed, unanimously.

Report of the Finance Committee to the Annual Town Meeting Re: Fiscal Year 2006 Town of Orange Budget

Fiscal Year 2006 will mark at least the third year of a period of extraordinary stress on the town's budget. The state's budget troubles have resulted in reductions in real local aid, meaning that the town's overall annual revenue growth has been running at 1% or less. Meanwhile a number of legally mandated expenses have been increasing quickly. Over the last two years, the three largest of these mandated increases were the Mahar School assessment (up \$438,000, or 16%), health insurance costs (\$313,000, or 52%), and County retirement contributions (\$162,000, or 41%).

In order to pay these mandated costs, the town has cut other parts of its budget, in some cases substantially. Last year, the Finance Committee requested a 6% across the board reduction from departments, and still ended up making additional cuts. Despite this, the budget was only kept in balance through the use of one-time revenues (notably the land auction) and spending down free cash.

This year, we do not have one-time revenues and free cash to fall back on. We project total property tax revenues of \$6,265,250, an increase of \$223,500, or 3.7%, reflecting new growth in addition to the allowed 2.5% increase. Other major revenue categories are state aid, estimated prior to final budget action at \$7,094,256, and other local receipts at \$2,259,376. After making required adjustments, the estimated total revenue available for local appropriations comes to \$15,060,052, a small DECREASE from FY2005.

As a starting point for FY2006, the Finance Committee requested level-funded budgets (plus mandated collective bargaining increases) from all departments. A few were able to comply. Several others with substantial heating oil, gasoline, and/or electricity expenses asked for increases related to these line items. Some departments were able to suggest cuts to partially offset the increases, and the Finance Committee has since made additional cuts. BUT, the town once again confronts large mandated or requested increases in a few key areas: the Mahar School assessment (\$368,000, or 11.6%), the Elementary Schools budget (\$289,000, or 5.2%), health insurance (\$83,000, or 9%), retirement contributions (\$79,000, or 14%), and Franklin County Tech School assessments (62,000, or 13.4%).

In total, the budget in early April showed roughly a \$1,150,000 gap, which Finance Committee cuts reduced to just over \$982,000. To balance the budget, our options are to make drastic cuts in town departments, raise revenue through overrides, or some combination of both. To close the gap solely by cutting departments would involve many lay-offs and MAJOR reductions in the level of town services.

The Finance Committee believes Town Meeting should have the opportunity to express its opinion as to what part of the gap would be better made up on the revenue side, through a series of override votes. The five articles addressing overrides total \$982,235.62, of which over 78% is for the various schools, and less than 22% to support the rest of town government. If one or more of these articles is not approved by Town Meeting and the voters at the polls, the corresponding dollar amount(s) will have to be cut from expenses at that time.

The budget we are presenting this evening will be balanced if all of the money articles, along with the overall budget are voted in the affirmative. Changes, especially expense increases or revenue decreases, will throw the budget out of balance and require another round of cuts to re-balance it. We must have a balanced budget before our tax rate can be set and approved by the State.

Respectfully submitted,
Orange Finance Committee

Carleton Lanou, Chairman
Linda Smith
Peter Pulley
Gary Pond
Jane Peirce
Richard Innes

ARTICLE 22: TOWN BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon. (BUDGET)

ARTICLE 22:

Motion: that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$15,270,297.00 for the purpose of funding the town budget for fiscal year 2006, with each line in the presented budget to be considered a separate appropriation, with subtotals as follows:

General Government	532,722.00
Public Safety	1,565,971.00
Orange Elementary School	5,632,469.00
Ralph C. Mahar Regional School Assessment	3,018,263.00
Franklin Cty. Tech. School Assessment	461,583.00
Smith Voc. And Agricultural School	15,990.00
Public Works & Facilities	1,212,790.00
Human Services	85,465.00
Culture and Recreation	257,321.00
Debt Service	560,986.00
Insurance and Miscellaneous	<u>1,962,437.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL	15,305,997.00

Motion passed, not unanimously.

And further, that \$210,245.00 of the appropriation shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by M.G.L. c.59, §21C (Proposition 2½) amounts required to pay authorized by this vote.

Motion passed, not, unanimously.

At 10:15 p.m. the meeting was recessed until Tuesday, May 03, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Christopher Woodcock.

ARTICLE 23: LINE ITEM TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the following amounts from the respective receipts reserved for appropriation in order to offset the FY 2006 budgeted appropriations or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

From: Betterment Payments Reserved for Appropriation
To: appropriation for "Community Septic Mgmt. Program Debt"

ARTICLE 23:

Motion: to transfer the following amounts from the respective receipts reserved for appropriation in order to offset the FY 2006 budgeted appropriations:

From: Betterment Payments Reserved for Appropriation
To: appropriation for "Community Septic Mgmt. Program Debt"
(Recommended by Finance Committee) \$6,415.00

This article is a housekeeping article designed to transfer monies and specify where certain line items in the budget receive some of their funding.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 24: RALPH C. MAHAR PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$325,033.63 from the Reserve for Ralph C. Mahar Debt Account (DE-3) to pay the Loan Assessment

due for Fiscal Year 2006 on the Ralph C. Mahar School Building Project Loan, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 24:

Motion: that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$325,033.63 from the Reserve for Ralph C. Mahar Debt Account (DE-3) to pay the Loan Assessment due for fiscal year 2006 on the Ralph C. Mahar School Building Project Loan.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 25: ORANGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate to the budget the sum of \$289,702.00 to Orange Elementary School Account for Fiscal Year 2006 by amending and increasing the budget voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 2, 2005, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 25:

Motion: that the Town vote to raise and appropriate to the budget the sum of \$289,702.00 to Orange Elementary School Account for Fiscal Year 2006 by amending and increasing the budget voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 2, 2005, and further, this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by M.G.L. c.59, §21C (Proposition 2½) amounts required to pay authorized by this vote.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

Motion to amend the amount to \$154,002.00 and further, that any additional Chapter 70 money be used to further reduce the amount and apply the additional amount to the Elementary School budget.

Amendment passed, unanimously. Motion as amended passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 26: RALPH C. MAHAR REG. SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate to the budget the sum of \$420,181.00 to Ralph C. Mahar School Assessment Account for Fiscal Year 2006 by amending and increasing the budget assessment voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 2, 2005, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 26:

Motion: that the Town vote to raise and appropriate to the budget the sum of \$420,181.00 to Ralph C. Mahar School Assessment Account for Fiscal Year 2006 by amending and increasing the budget assessment voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 2, 2005, and further, this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by M.G.L. c.59, §21C (Proposition 2½) amounts required to pay authorized by this vote.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

Motion passed, unanimously.

**ARTICLE 27: FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL
ASSESSMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate to the budget the sum of \$52,465.00 to Franklin County Technical School Assessment Account for Fiscal Year 2006 by amending and increasing the budget assessment voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 2, 2005, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 27:

Motion: that the Town vote to raise and appropriate to the budget the sum of \$52,465.00 to Franklin County Technical School Assessment Account for Fiscal Year 2006 by amending and increasing the budget assessment voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 2, 2005, and further, this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by M.G.L. c.59, §21C (Proposition 2½) amounts required to pay authorized by this vote.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

Motion passed, unanimously.

**ARTICLE 28: FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL CAPITAL
ASSESSMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate to the budget the sum of \$9,642.62 to Franklin County Technical School Capital Assessment Account for Fiscal Year 2006 by amending and increasing the assessment voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 2, 2005, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 28:

Motion: that the Town vote to raise and appropriate to the budget the sum of \$9,642.62 to Franklin County Technical School Capital Assessment Account for Fiscal Year 2006 by amending and increasing the budget assessment voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 2, 2005, and further, this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by M.G.L. c.59, §21C (Proposition 2½) amounts required to pay authorized by this vote.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 29: TRANSFER FROM SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$ 4500.00 from the **Central Fence '03** vote under Article 23 of the Town Meeting held date May 5, 2003 to the **Cemetery Expense account**, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 29:

Motion: that the Town vote to transfer \$ 4500.00 from the **Central Fence '03** account vote under Article 23 of the Town Meeting held on May 5, 2003 to the **Cemetery Expense account**.

Motion: to amend the motion from Cemetery Expense account to Cemetery Sale of Lots account.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

Amendment passed, unanimously. Motion as amended passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 30: TRANSFER FROM SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$ 5190.00 from the **Central Chain link Fence '04** account vote under Article 18 of the Town Meeting held date Oct. 14, 2003 to the **Cemetery Sale of Lots** account, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 30:

Motion: that the Town vote to transfer \$ 5190.00 from the Central Chain link Fence '04 account vote under Article 18 of the Town Meeting held on Oct. 14, 2003 to the Cemetery Sale of Lots account.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

(Recommended by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee)

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 31: TRANSFER FROM SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$ 9690.00 from the **Cemetery Sale of Lots** for the purpose of tree work and surveying of **Central Cemetery**, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 31:

Motion: that the Town vote to transfer \$ 9690.00 from the Cemetery Sale of Lots for the purpose of tree work and surveying of Central Cemetery.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

(Recommended by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee)

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 32: BOARD OF ASSESSOR AMENDING M.G.L. C59 §5 (41C)

To see if the Town will vote to replace article 19 which was voted on at the May 3rd, 2004 Annual Town Meeting, the provisions of Chapter 184 Section 51 of the acts of 2002, amending M.G.L. c59 s5 (41C) to reduce the eligibility age to over 65 years of age, to defer all or part of their real estate taxes yearly increases the whole estate standard to \$30,000 single and \$40,000 if married for the elderly exemption as prescribed by law, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 32:

Motion: that the Town vote to replace article 19 which was voted on at the May 3rd, 2004 Annual Town Meeting, which adopted the provisions of Chapter 184 Section 51 of the acts of 2002, amending M.G.L. c59 s5 (41C) and further, to reduce the eligibility age to over 65 years of age, to defer all or part of their real

estate taxes yearly and increases the whole estate standard to \$30,000 single and \$40,000 if married for the elderly exemption as prescribed by law.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 33: BOARD OF ASSESSOR ACCEPT M.G.L. C59 §5 (54C)

To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. c59 s5 clause 54 exemptions for Personal Property for values, by establishing a minimum value of personal property subject to taxation up to and including \$10,000.00, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 33:

Motion: that the Town vote to accept M.G.L. c59 s5 clause 54 exemptions for Personal Property for values, by establishing a minimum value of personal property subject to taxation up to and including \$10,000.00.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 34: LAKE AVENUE PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to borrow a sum of money for the legal engineering, inspection and construction up-grade to standards consistent with the Town of Orange Planning Board Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of land and in conformity with the Mass. Highway Design Manual as updated to present year and described in Chapter 8 and 8.1 Through 8.3.2.10, and such moneys to be borrowed are to be paid back as betterment assessments to the property owner abutting the road, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 34:

Motion: that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow the sum of \$50,000.00 for the legal engineering, inspection and construction up-grade Lake Avenue to standards consistent with the Town of Orange Planning Board Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of land and in conformity with the Mass. Highway Design Manual as updated to present year and described in Chapter 8 and 8.1 Through 8.3.2.10, and such moneys to be borrowed are to be paid back as betterment assessments to the property owner abutting the road.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 35: BOARD OF SELECTMEN SETTING OF FEES

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen in accordance with M.G.L. c.140 §177A, (4) to set fees for automatic amusement device licenses or any renewal thereof, that come under the control of the Board of Selectmen, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 35:

Motion: that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen in accordance with M.G.L. c.140 §177A, (4) to set fees for automatic amusement device

licenses or any renewal thereof, that come under the control of the Board of Selectmen.

Motion passed, not unanimously.

ARTICLE 36: SPECIAL LEGISLATION TO CREATE TOWN TREASURER POSITION BE APPOINTED RATHER THAN ELECTED

To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to request that the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts enact legislation which would create the position of Town Treasurer appointed rather than elected, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 of chapter 41 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the office of treasurer in the Town of Orange shall not be elected but shall instead be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, such appointment to be for the term not to exceed three years. A vacancy in such office shall be filled in a like manner for the unexpired portion of the term.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 above, any incumbent, if any, in the office of treasurer upon the effective date of this act shall continue to hold said office and to perform the duties thereof until the appointment of a treasurer to perform said duties pursuant to the terms of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage by the general Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ARTICLE 36:

Motion: that the Town vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to request that the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts enact legislation, which would create the position of Town Treasurer, appointed rather than elected.

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 of chapter 41 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the office of treasurer in the Town of Orange shall not be elected but shall instead be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, such appointment to be for the term not to exceed three years. A vacancy in such office shall be filled in a like manner for the unexpired portion of the term.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 above, any incumbent, if any, in the office of treasurer upon the effective date of this act shall continue to hold said office and to perform the duties thereof until the appointment of a treasurer to perform said duties pursuant to the terms of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage by the general Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Motion to amend Section 1 by adding at the end: A hiring committee will be formed by the selectmen, consisting of seven (7) individuals: one each from the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, and Capital Improvement Planning Committee, the Town Administrator, and three (3) members of the voting public, two (2) having experience in Finance Management and one (1) taxpayer. The committee will screen applications, select candidates, conduct interviews, and recommend appointment to Board of Selectmen.

Motion to amend, passed, not unanimously. Motion as amended failed.

Motion to pass over Articles 37, 38, and 39. Motion passed, not unanimously.

ARTICLE 37: SPECIAL LEGISLATION TO CREATE TOWN COLLECTOR POSITION BE APPOINTED RATHER THAN ELECTED

To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to request that the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts enact legislation which would create the position of Town Collector appointed rather than elected, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 of chapter 41 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the office of collector in the Town of Orange shall not be elected but shall instead be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, such appointment to be for the term not to exceed three years. A vacancy in such office shall be filled in a like manner for the unexpired portion of the term.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 above, any incumbent, if any, in the office of collector upon the effective date of this act shall continue to hold said office and to perform the duties thereof until the appointment of a collector to perform said duties pursuant to the terms of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage by the general Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ARTICLE 38: SPECIAL LEGISLATION TO CREATE BOARD OF ASSESSORS POSITION BE APPOINTED RATHER THAN ELECTED

To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to request that the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts enact legislation which would create the position of Board of Assessors appointed rather than elected, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 of chapter 41 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the offices of Board of Assessors in the Town of Orange shall not be elected but shall instead be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, such appointment to be for the term not to exceed three years as their appointment expires. A vacancy in such office shall be filled in a like manner for the unexpired portion of the term.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 above, any incumbent(s), if any, in the office of Board of Assessors upon the effective date of this act shall continue to hold said office and to perform the duties thereof until the appointment of a Board of Assessors to perform said duties pursuant to the terms of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage by the general Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ARTICLE 39: SPECIAL LEGISLATION TO CREATE TOWN CLERK POSITION BE APPOINTED RATHER THAN ELECTED

To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to request that the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts enact legislation which would create the position of Town Clerk appointed rather than elected, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 of chapter 41 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the office of Town Clerk in the Town of Orange shall not be elected but shall instead be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, such appointment to be for the term not to exceed three years. A vacancy in such office shall be filled in a like manner for the unexpired portion of the term.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 above, any incumbent, if any, in the office of Town Clerk upon the effective date of this act shall continue to hold said office and to perform the duties thereof until the appointment of a Town Clerk to perform said duties pursuant to the terms of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage by the general Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ARTICLE 40 thru 43:

Motion: that articles 40 thru and including 43 be accepted as printed.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 40: TIF DECERTIFICATION THOMAS & BETTS

To see if the Town will vote to apply to the Commonwealth's Economic Assistance Coordinating Council ("the Council") at the State's and Thomas & Betts, Corp. ("Thomas & Betts") request for decertification of the projects approved pursuant to vote under Article 8 of the warrant of the Town Meeting held March 23, 1998 and subject to any applicable requirements of law and regulation, if any, to terminate the Tax Incremental Financing Agreement which the Town entered into with Thomas & Betts pursuant to and as amended by any later, applicable Town meeting votes, for failure of Thomas & Betts to fulfill its obligations under said Agreement, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 41: TIF DECERTIFICATION NORTH QUABBIN ANTIQUES

To see if the Town will vote to apply to the Commonwealth's Economic Assistance Coordinating Council ("the Council") at the State's and North Quabbin Antiques request for decertification of the projects approved pursuant to vote under Article 26 of the warrant of the Town Meeting held May 5, 2003 and subject to any applicable requirements of law and regulation, if any, to terminate the Tax Incremental Financing Agreement which the Town entered into with North Quabbin Antiques pursuant to and as amended by any later, applicable Town meeting votes, for failure of North Quabbin Antiques to fulfill its obligations under said Agreement, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 42: TIF DECERTIFICATION INNOVATIVE CEREAL PRODUCTS INC.

To see if the Town will vote to apply to the Commonwealth's Economic Assistance Coordinating Council ("the Council") at the State's request for decertification of the projects approved pursuant to vote under Article 2 of the warrant of the Town Meeting held September 28, 1998 and subject to any applicable requirements of law and regulation, if any, to terminate the Tax Incremental Financing Agreement which the Town entered into with Innovative Cereal Products Inc. pursuant to and as amended by any later, applicable Town meeting votes, for failure of Innovative Cereal Products Inc. to fulfill its obligations under said Agreement, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 43: TIF DECERTIFICATION R.C. PRECISION SHEET METAL INC.

To see if the Town will vote to apply to the Commonwealth's Economic Assistance Coordinating Council ("the Council") at the State's request for decertification of the projects approved pursuant to vote under Article 2 of the warrant of the Special Town Meeting held January 18, 2001 and subject to any applicable requirements of law and regulation, if any, to terminate the Tax Incremental Financing Agreement which the Town entered into with R.C. Precision Sheet Metal Inc. pursuant to and as amended by any later, applicable Town meeting votes, for failure of R.C. Precision Sheet Metal Inc. to fulfill its obligations under said Agreement, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 44: TULLY FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the construction, original equipping and furnishing of a new fire station, including related design and other preliminary costs; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; to determine whether any such borrowing shall be made contingent upon a Proposition 2½ debt exemption vote; or to take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 44:

Motion: that the Town vote to Postpone Article 44 Indefinitely.

Motion passed, not unanimously.

ARTICLE 45: PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the construction, original equipping and furnishing of a new public safety complex, including the acquisition of land as a site therefore and the demolition of any existing buildings thereon and related design and other preliminary expenses; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; to determine whether any such borrowing shall be made contingent upon a Proposition 2½ debt exemption vote; or to take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 45:

Motion: that the Town vote to Postpone Article 45 Indefinitely.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 46: ORANGE RIGHT TO FARM BY-LAW

To see if the Town will vote the adoption of the following By-Law, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

Section 1 Legislative Purpose and Intent

The purpose and intent of this By-law is to state with emphasis the Right to Farm accorded to all citizens of the Commonwealth under Article 97, of the Constitution, and all state statutes and regulations there under including but not limited to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3, Paragraph 1; Chapter 90, Section 9, Chapter 111, Section 125A and Chapter 128 Section 1A. We the citizens of Orange restate and republish these rights pursuant to the Town's authority conferred by Article 89 of the Articles of Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, ("Home Rule Amendment").

This General By-law encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the Town of Orange by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and Town agencies. This By-law shall apply to all jurisdictional areas within the Town.

Section 2 Definitions

The word "farm" shall include any parcel or contiguous parcels of land, or water bodies used for the primary purpose of commercial agriculture, or accessory thereto.

The words "farming" or "agriculture" or their derivatives shall include, but not be limited to the following:

Farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil;
Dairying;

Production, cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural, aqua cultural, floricultural, viticultural, or horticultural commodities;
Growing and harvesting of forest products upon forestland, and any other forestry or lumbering operations;
Raising of livestock including horses;
Keeping of horses as a commercial enterprise; and
Keeping and raising of poultry, swine, cattle, ratites (such as emus, ostriches and rheas) and came lids (such as llamas and camels), and other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purposes, including bees and fur-bearing animals.

“Farming” shall encompass activities including, but not limited to, the following:
Operation and transportation of slow-moving farm equipment over roads within the Town;
Control of pests, including, but not limited to, insects, weeds, predators and disease organism of plants and animals;
Application of manure, fertilizers and pesticides;
Conducting agriculture-related educational and farm-based recreational activities, including agri-tourism, provided that the activities are related to marketing the agricultural output or services of the farm;
Processing and packaging of the agricultural output of the farm and the operation of a farmer's market or farm stand including signage thereto;
Maintenance, repair, or storage of seasonal equipment, or apparatus owned or leased by the farm owner or manager used expressly for the purpose of propagation, processing, management, or sale of the agricultural products; and
On-farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations.

Section 3 Right To Farm Declaration

The Right to Farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of Orange. The above-described agricultural activities may occur on holidays, weekdays, and weekends by night or day and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust, and fumes associated with normally accepted agricultural practices. It is hereby determined that whatever impact may be caused to others through the normal practice of agriculture is more than offset by the benefits of farming to the neighborhood, community, and society in general. The benefits and protections of this By-law are intended to apply exclusively to those commercial agricultural and farming operations and activities conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices. Moreover, nothing in this Right To Farm By-law shall be deemed as acquiring any interest in land, or as imposing any land use regulation, which is properly the subject of state statute, regulation, or local zoning law.

Section 4 Disclosure Notification

Within 30 days after this bylaw becomes effective, the Board of Selectmen shall prominently post in the Town Hall and make available for distribution the following disclosure:

“It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food, and

other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers or occupants that the property they are about to acquire or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors.”

In addition a copy of this disclosure notification shall be printed in the Town Report Yearly.

Section 5 Resolution of Disputes

Any person who seeks to complain about the operation of a farm may, notwithstanding pursuing any other available remedy, file a grievance with the Town Administrator. The filing of the grievance does not suspend the time within which to pursue any other available remedies that the aggrieved may have. The Town Administrator shall refer the aggrieved party to the appropriate Town Board or municipal official and shall facilitate the resolution of the grievance involving all concerned parties, and report its recommendations to the Board of Selectmen within an agreed upon time frame.

Section 6 Severability Clause

If any part of this By-law is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this By-law. The Town of Orange hereby declares the provisions of this By-law to be severable.

ARTICLE 46:

Motion: that the Town vote to adopt the Orange Right To Farm By-Law as outlined in Article 46 of the Annual Town Meeting May 2, 2005.

Motion: to amend Section 3 Right To Farm Declaration by adding the words “at any time including” following the words “may occur”.

Amendment passed, unanimously.

Motion to remove the words primary and commercial from the first paragraph of Section 2. Amendment failed.

Motion as amended passed, not unanimously.

ARTICLE 47: TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote the adoption of the following article, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

- That a Town Hall Auditorium Management Committee be established composed of five persons appointed by the board of Selectmen.
- That Appointees shall have recognized skills or interest as follows: one person in the performing arts or in the field of education, one person in business or finance, one person in building management, one person of low to moderate income and one be a Selectman or their designee.
- That the Committee will have an initial appointment of Two members who shall be appointed for a three-years term. Two members shall be

appointed for a two-year term. One member shall be appointed for a one-year term. Thereafter all appointments shall be for a three-year term. All appointees shall be residents of the Town Of Orange.

- That the Committee will have care, custody and control of, and be responsible for, the management, maintenance and repair of the Town Hall auditorium and balcony, the stage, the first and second floor foyers, the North Main Street exterior entrance steps, the three second floor restrooms, the two exterior fire escapes, and (at such time as the spaces are cleared, cleaned, and usable for auditorium related activity) the basement beneath the foyer, and the potential dressing rooms and restroom space beneath the stage...
- That the Committee will design rental rates and other use fees for use of the Ruth B. Smith Auditorium so that the committee can reasonably contribute to the utility expenses of the Town Hall Building including but not limited to heat, electricity, and custodial services. Given the current condition of the Town Hall these services will continue to be provided on a unified basis.
- That a revolving fund in accordance with MGL Ch. 44 Sec. 53e1/2 be established with a limit of \$20,000 for the purpose of receiving rental payments and other usage fees, contributing to the operation of the Town Hall Building and performing special maintenance and repairs to the areas of the Town Hall Building the Committee is charged to manage. If necessary, the fund may also be used to cover the costs of the arrangements for scheduling.
- That the Committee's scheduling of events provide for normal and routine use of the auditorium facilities by Town Offices and Officials and not disrupt normal Town Business.
- That the Committee's financial record shall be included in the annual town audit.

ARTICLE 47:

Motion: that the Town vote to adopt the Town Hall Auditorium Management Committee as outlined in Article 47 of the Annual Town Meeting May 2, 2005. Motion passed, not unanimously.

ARTICLE 48: GARAGE SALES – TAG SALES

To see if the Town will vote the adoption of the following article, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

Purpose:

It is the intent of these rules and regulations to provide a mechanism for allowing, subject to reasonable and appropriate controls, certain types of activities having to do with the sale of secondhand articles within the community while at the same time preserving the residential atmosphere of the various neighborhoods of the town.

Definitions:

For the purposes of these rules and regulations the following words and terms shall have and include the following respective meanings:

Garage sale: The sale for not more than two (2) consecutive days of old, used, secondhand or antique articles upon residential property where all the material to be sold originates from the property that is the location of the sale.

Yard sale: See "garage sale".

Porch sale: See "garage sale".

Tag sale: See "garage sale".

Procedure – Application for Permit:

1. Any person, organization or corporation intending to conduct a garage sale, yard sale, porch sale, or tag sale or any similar activity by a different name shall make application for a permit to conduct such activity at the office of the town clerk not less than three (3) calendar days prior to the date of the proposed activity.
2. If such an application is granted by the town clerk, or his/her designated representative, a permit shall be issued to the person, organization, or corporation to conduct such activity and said permit shall be available at all times on the site during the term of the sale.
3. The permit must be on display during the sale.

Fees:

1. The fee for permit applications pursuant to these rules and regulation shall be tendered upon filing of the initial application and shall be established according to the following schedule:

Garage sale	\$5.00
Yard sale	\$5.00
Porch sale	\$5.00
Tag sale	\$5.00

2. The schedule above lists only the most commonly used terms in describing various temporary sales dealing with secondhand articles. If different names are used to describe the sale of secondhand articles, the town clerk in his/her sole discretion shall determine which of the above terms most clearly describes the proposed activity and shall set the fee accordingly.
3. Societies, associations, or corporations organized solely for religious or charitable purposes shall not be required to pay a fee for any such permit.

4. Several residents on one street having a sale on the same day shall constitute a neighborhood sale, for which only one permit is required.

Enforcement:

1. Whoever violates any provision of this policy, the violation of which is subject to a specific penalty, may be penalized by a non-criminal disposition as provided in Mass. General laws, chapter 40 D, Section 21D. It is the intention of this provision, that the specific penalties as listed here shall apply in such cases and that in addition to police officers who shall in all cases be considered enforcing persons for the purpose of this provision, the municipal personnel listed for each section, if any, shall also be enforcing persons for such sections. Each day on which any violation exists shall be deemed to be a separate offense.
2. Whoever violates any provisions of these rules and regulation may be punished by a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each offense.

Decisions of licensing authority re: permit and waiver:

1. Nothing contained in these rules and regulation shall require the licensing authority to issue a permit if, in his/her opinion, the public interest would be adversely affected by so doing.
2. The licensing authority, upon motion and vote, may waive strict compliance with any of the above rules and regulations after examination of the facts in a particular case and waiver can be warranted without derogation from the intent and purpose of these rules and regulations.
3. In the event that rain forces cancellation of any sale, a new permit for another date may be obtained at no additional cost.

Posting of advertisements for sale:

The posting of signs advertising the sale must be in accordance with Mass. General Laws chapter 266, section 126.

Chapter 266: Section 126 Natural scenery; penalty for defacement

Section 126. Whoever paints, or puts upon, or in any manner affixes to, any fence, structure, pole, rock or other object which is public property or the property of another, whether within or without the limits of the highway, any words, device, trade mark, advertisement or notice which is not required by law to be posted thereon, without first obtaining the written consent of the municipal or public officer in charge thereof or the owner or tenant of such property, shall, upon complaint of such municipal or public officer, or of such owner or tenant, be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars, and in addition shall forfeit to the use of the public or private owner of such property or the tenant thereof the cost of removing or obliterating such defacement to be recovered in an action of tort. Any word, device, trade mark, advertisement or notice which has been painted, put up or

affixed within the limits of a highway in violation of this section shall be considered a public nuisance, and may be forthwith removed or obliterated and abated by any person.

ARTICLE 48:

Motion: that the Town vote to adopt the Garage Sale – Tag Sale By-Law as outlined in Article 48 of the Annual Town Meeting May 2, 2005.

Motion failed.

ARTICLE 49: STARRY STARRY NIGHT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from available funds, the sum of \$2,000.00 to help fund the Starry Starry Night Celebration in Orange on December 31, 2005, provided to the community through the sponsorship of the Orange Revitalization Partnership and the support of local businesses, individuals, and cultural councils; or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 49:

Motion: that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$2,000.00 to help fund the Starry Starry Night Celebration in Orange on December 31, 2005, provided to the community through the sponsorship of the Orange Revitalization Partnership and the support of local businesses, individuals, and cultural councils.

(Not Recommended by Finance Committee)

Motion to pass over this article. Motion passed, not unanimously.

PETITION ARTICLE

ARTICLE 50: RIVER RAT RACE POLICE DETAIL

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from available funds, the sum of \$1,500.00 to help fund the River Rat Race Celebration in Orange for Police detail, coverage provided to the community through the sponsorship of the Athol Lions Club and the support of local businesses, individuals, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 50

Motion: that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,500.00 to help fund the River Rat Race Celebration in Orange for Police detail coverage provided to the community through the sponsorship of the Athol Lions club and the support of local businesses and individuals.

Motion passed, yes-51, no-40.

ARTICLE 51: 200TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

To see if the Town will vote (a) to raise by taxation, borrow or transfer and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to help fund the 200TH Anniversary Celebration of the Town of Orange for the calendar year 2010 pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c44 §53I; and (b) to establish in its treasury a special fund for such celebration, in

which shall be deposited such sums as may be appropriated pursuant to the foregoing vote and any future town meeting votes and any and all additional sums received from the sale of commemorative items from admission charges for commemorative ceremonies or events, and any private gifts or donations such fund to be kept separately by the Treasurer from other monies, funds and property of the Town and the principal and interest thereof to be expended for the purposes of such celebration in the year of the celebration and/or in the year preceding or succeeding same, upon authorization by the Board of Selectmen or by the majority of any committee established to plan the celebration, and any surplus remaining in the fund after such celebration has been concluded to be transferred by the Treasurer into the General Fund of the Town, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 51:

Motion: that the Town vote to (a) transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 from Free Cash to help fund the 200TH Anniversary Celebration of the Town of Orange for the calendar year 2010 pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c44 §53I; and (b) to establish in its treasury a special fund for such celebration, in which shall be deposited such sums as may be appropriated pursuant to the foregoing vote and any future town meeting votes and any and all additional sums received from the sale of commemorative items from admission charges for commemorative ceremonies or events, and any private gifts or donations such fund to be kept separately by the Treasurer from other monies, funds and property of the Town and the principal and interest thereof to be expended for the purposes of such celebration in the year of the celebration and/or in the year preceding or succeeding same, upon authorization by the Board of Selectmen or by the majority of any committee established to plan the celebration, and any surplus remaining in the fund after such celebration has been concluded to be transferred by the Treasurer into the General Fund of the Town.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

Motion to amend by reducing the amount to \$500.00. Motion passed. Motion as amended, passed, not unanimously.

ARTICLE 52: ORANGE ZONING BY-LAW TO ADD AN ACCESSORY APARTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Use Regulation Schedule, Section 2231 Residential Uses of the Orange Zoning By-Law to add an Accessory Apartment Residential Use and to add a definition for Accessory Apartments to Section VI, Definitions as follows: or to take any action relative thereto or thereon.

DISTRICT	A(r)	A(c)	B	C	D	CARD
Accessory Apartment	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

6005 Accessory Apartment shall mean the alteration of a single-family home to create one additional dwelling unit consisting of no more than four rooms and no more than 800 square feet of living area. No more than two people shall occupy the Accessory Apartment. The owner of the property shall permanently occupy the principal or accessory residence. Adequate off-street parking shall be provided.

ARTICLE 52:

Motion: that the Town vote to amend the Use Regulation Schedule, Section 2231 Residential Uses of the Orange Zoning By-Law to add an Accessory Apartment Residential Use and to add a definition for Accessory Apartments to Section VI, Definitions.

Motion passed, by required 2/3 vote.

Motion to dissolve the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Recapitulation:**Article 5:**

Re-establish F.R.T.A. revolving Fund \$30,000.00

Article 6:

Re-establish Hazardous Spills Revolving Fund \$20,000.00

Article 7:

Re-establish O.R.A. Revolving Fund \$30,000.00

Article 8:

Re-establish Gas Inspector's Revolving Fund \$15,000.00

Article 9:

Re-establish Plumbing Inspector's Revolving Fund \$15,000.00

Article 10:

Re-establish Airport Fuel Revolving Fund \$60,000.00

Article 16:

Landfill Monitoring Acct. to monitor/maintain inactive \$10,000.00

Article 19:

Authorize indebtedness – Mahar \$1,700,000.00

Article 20:

Water – Enterprise Fund – from Water Receipts \$742,786.44

Article 22:

Budget \$15,305,997.00

BUDGETS	Dept. Budget		Dept. Budget
	FY2004		FY2005-2006
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Moderator's Salary	100.00		100.00
Selectmen's Salary	3,000.00		3,000.00
Selectmen's Expense	5,240.00		4,490.00
Town Administrator Salary	55,384.00		57,905.00
Town Administrator Wages	23,203.00		28,399.00
Town Administrator Expense	6,109.00		6,459.00
Finance Committee Expense	470.00		300.00
Reserve Fund	30,000.00		25,000.00
Town Accountant's Salary	41,284.00		42,213.00
Town Accountant's Wages	8,295.00		8,482.00
Town Accountant Expense	1,747.00		3,088.00

Audit of Town Accounts	21,000.00		21,000.00
Board of Assessor's	3,000.00		3,000.00
Assessor's Wages	23,826.00		24,362.00
Assessors Expense	8,839.00		8,839.00
Treasurer's Salary	39,771.00		40,666.00
Treasurer's Wages	3,592.00		11,945.00
Treasurer Expense	28,209.00		19,902.00
Collector's Salary	31,945.00		32,664.00
Collector's Wages	11,599.00		11,835.00
Collector's Expense	15,795.00		15,795.00
Town Council	25,000.00		25,000.00
Human Resource Board	940.00		500.00
General Office Expense	21,244.00		21,244.00
Town Clerk's Salary	31,945.00		32,664.00
Town Clerk's Wages	2,090.00		2,108.00
Town Clerk's Expense	2,945.00		2,945.00
Election & Registration	10,462.00		10,462.00
Conservation Com. Expense	685.00		685.00
Planning Board Expense	680.00		680.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	260.00		260.00
Town Hall Maintenance	27,872.00		27,872.00
Town Reports	1,200.00		1,600.00
Armory Maintenance	35,985.00		37,258.00
Total General Government	523,716.00		532,722.00
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
Police Chief Salary	63,944.00		65,383.00
Police Wages	656,535.00		672,858.00
Police Dept Expense	66,703.00		69,937.00
Fire Chief Salary	53,734.00		54,944.00
Fire Wages	441,544.00		467,518.00
Fire Dept Expense	122,379.00		127,532.00
Building Inspector's Salary	46,142.00		47,181.00
Building Inspector's Wages	16,271.00		6,539.00
Building Inspectors Expense	7,000.00		7,430.00
Sealer Weights & Measures	1,430.00		1,430.00
Electrical Inspector's Salary	18,051.00		18,457.00
Electrical Inspector's Expense	955.00		955.00
Animal Inspector's Salary	650.00		650.00
Animal Inspector' Expense	55.00		55.00
Dog Control Expense	13,052.00		13,052.00
Tree Dept Salary & Wages	1,400.00		1,000.00
Tree Dept	11,050.00		11,050.00
Total Public Safety	1,520,895.00		1,565,971.00
		Requested by	
EDUCATION:		School	

Orange Elementary School	5,596,769.00	5,899,029.00	5,562,469.00
R.C.Mahar Reg. School	3,183,330.00	3,489,215.00	3,018,263.00
Franklin Cty Tech	461,583.00	514,048.00	461,583.00
Smith Voc & Agricultural School		15,990.00	15,990.00
Total Education	9,241,682.00	9,918,282.00	9,128,305.00
Public Works & Facilities			
Highway/Sewer/Parks Supt.Salary	47,970.00		49,050.00
Highway Wages	135,058.00		147,399.00
Highway Adm.Construction & Maint.	118,115.00		110,340.00
Snow & Ice	125,000.00		125,032.00
Street Lights	30,550.00		30,550.00
Fr.Solid Waste	6,685.00		12,073.00
Fr.Solid Haz. Waste Day	3,000.00		3,000.00
Sanitation Salary	30,863.00		31,557.00
Sanitation Wages	66,021.00		67,185.00
Sanitation Expense	192,875.00		175,433.00
Sewer Dept. Wages	19,591.00		19,259.00
Sewer Dept Expense	20,400.00		21,760.00
Waste Water Salary	46,012.00		47,048.00
Waste Water Wages	77,102.00		79,107.00
Waste Water Treatment Plant Exp.	124,592.00		127,346.00
Airport Administration	3,295.00		3,295.00
Airport Building & Equip.	9,205.00		9,205.00
Airport Maintenance	5,640.00		5,640.00
Airport Manager's Salary	33,983.00		34,748.00
Airport Wages	18,338.00		18,665.00
Airport Aviation Gas Sales & Exp.	20,000.00		0.00
Cemetery Commissioners Salaries	600.00		600.00
Cemetery Salary	34,748.00		35,530.00
Cemetery Wages	49,480.00		49,093.00
Cemetery Dept. Expense	9,716.00		9,875.00
Total Public Works & Facilities	1,228,839.00		1,212,790.00
HUMAN SERVICES:			
Board of Health Salaries	300.00		300.00
Board of Health Wages	35,958.00		36,764.00
Board of Health Expense	4,653.00		5,053.00
Council of Aging Wages	12,354.00		12,632.00
Council of Aging Expense	1,680.00		1,680.00
Veterans' Services Adm.	8,859.00		9,036.00
Veterans Benefits	20,000.00		20,000.00

Total Human Services	83,804.00		85,465.00
CULTURE AND RECREATION			
Library Director Salary	44,010.00		45,000.00
Library Wages	102,824.00		105,138.00
Library Expense	80,311.00		83,549.00
Parks Wages	14,640.00		15,444.00
Parks Expense	8,550.00		7,750.00
Historical Comm	940.00		440.00
Total Cultural and Recreation	251,275.00		257,321.00
Debt Service:			
Airpark Industrial Park Debt ('11)	11,700.00		11,700.00
New School Dept ('09,10)	298,160.00		293,160.00
Fire Engine ('08)	20,000.00		20,000.00
Landfill Cap & Close ('18)	60,000.00		60,000.00
Sewer Facilities Study ('19)	7,192.00		7,317.00
Comm Septic Mgmt. Program ('19)	ARTICLE 18		ARTICLE 23
Brookside Sewer Project ('08)	10,000.00		10,000.00
Highway Garage	52,000.00		52,000.00
Long-Term Interest, New School	58,876.00		46,154.00
Long Term Interest, All Others	58,569.00		55,655.00
Mahar Project	13,584.00		ARTICLE 24
Short Term & Other Interest	5,000.00		5,000.00
Total Debt Service	595,081.00		560,986.00
INSURANCE AND MISCELLANEOUS:			
Frank Council of Govt Assessment	34,370.00		30,296.00
Franklin Cty. Retirement Assessment	557,994.00		637,337.00
Workers Compensation Insurance	44,015.00		44,015.00
Unemployment Compensation	30,000.00		30,000.00
Group Health & Life Insurance	915,872.00		998,543.00
Medicare Insurance Tax Costs	82,790.00		92,780.00
General Town Insurance	114,671.00		129,466.00

Total Ins. & Misc.	1,779,712.00		1,962,437.00
GRAND TOTALS:	15,225,004.00		15,305,997.00

Article 23:

Betterment Payments Reserved for Appropriation to Community Septic Mgmt.
Program Debt \$6,415.00

Article 24:

Mahar Debt Acct. DE-3 for loan assessment \$325,033.63

Article 25:

Elementary School – contingent on override \$154,002.00

Article 26:

Mahar Assessment – contingent on override \$420,181.00

Article 27:

Fr. Cty. Tech School Assessment – contingent on override \$52,465.00

Article 28:

Fr. Cty. Tech Capital Assessment – contingent on override \$9,642.62

Article 29:

From	To	Amount
Central Fence '03	Cemetery Sale of Lots	\$4,500.00

Article 30:

Central Chain Link Fence '04	Cemetery Sale of Lots	\$5,190.00
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Article 31:

Cemetery Sale of Lots	Tree work/surveying, Central	\$9,690.00
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Article 50:

Free Cash	Police Detail, River Rat Race	\$1,500.00
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Article 51:

Free Cash	200 th Anniversary Celebration	\$500.00
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Article 34:

Authorize borrowing – Lake Ave. (betterment) \$50,000.00

A true record of the vote.

ATTEST:

Nancy M. Blackmer, CMC, CMMC
Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Orange, in the County of Franklin:

GREETING:

In the name of the COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Orange qualified to vote in elections to meet in the Armory at 135 East Main Street in said ORANGE, on Tuesday the **28th day of June at 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** then and there to act on the following question.

QUESTION 1.

SHALL THE TOWN OF ORANGE BE ALLOWED TO ASSESS AN ADDITIONAL \$271,263.62 IN REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE PURPOSES OF FUNDING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF GENERAL GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, FRANKLIN COUNTY TECH SCHOOL, PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES, HUMAN SERVICE, CULTURE AND RECREATION, DEBT SERVICE, INSURANCE AND MISCELLANEOUS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2005?

YES _____

NO _____

QUESTION 2.

SHALL THE TOWN OF ORANGE BE ALLOWED TO ASSESS AN ADDITIONAL \$154,002.00 IN REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE PURPOSES OF FUNDING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE ORANGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2005?

YES _____

NO _____

QUESTION 3.

SHALL THE TOWN OF ORANGE BE ALLOWED TO ASSESS AN ADDITIONAL \$431,314.00 IN REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE PURPOSES OF FUNDING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE RALPH C. MAHAR SCHOOL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2005?

YES _____

NO _____

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, the Post Office in Orange and Library in North Orange, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by publishing attested copies thereof, in the local newspapers, in said Town, once at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this **8th day of June 2005**

Robert F. Andrews, Chairman
Richard P. Sheridan, Vice-Chairman
Steven E. Adam, Clerk
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A true copy.

ATTEST:
Posted as Directed
Calvert Lundgren
Constable of Orange, Massachusetts

Franklin SS.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Orange, by posting up attested copies of the same at the Town Hall, Post Office in Orange and the Library in North Orange 7 days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Calvert Lundgren, Constable of Orange

6/9/05 Date

Results of the Override Election

Total ballots cast	1,165
Total registered voters	4,412

Question 1:

Blank	3	Three
Yes	327	Three hundred twenty-seven
No	835	Eight hundred thirty-five

Question 2:

Blank	3	Three
Yes	285	Two hundred eighty-five
No	877	Eight hundred seventy-seven

Question 3:

Blank	3	Three
Yes	292	Two hundred ninety-two
No	870	Eight hundred seventy

A true record of the vote.

Attest:

Nancy M. Blackmer, CMC, CMMC
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
July 21, 2005**

The amount of Stabilization Fund is \$68,995.77

The Moderator called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 7:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 1: TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR UNPAID BILL

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3711.04 from available funds in Fiscal Year 2006 Budget of Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School for the payment of prior fiscal years to pay the Sped Tuition and Tuition for Students that attended Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School for the School Year 2004-2005, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon. (9/10ths-required vote)

ARTICLE 1:

Motion: that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,711.04 from available funds in Fiscal Year 2006 Budget of Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School for the payment of prior fiscal years to pay the Tuition for Students that attended Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School for the School Year 2004-2005.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 2: TOWN BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting May 2, 2005, Article 22, Town Budget and replace it with: to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.
(BUDGET) (2/3rds required vote)

ARTICLE 2:

Motion: that the Town rescind the vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting May 2, 2005, Article 22, Town Budget and replace it with: to raise and appropriate \$15,180,540.00 for the purpose of funding the town budget for fiscal year 2006, with each line in the presented budget to be considered a separate appropriation, with subtotals as follows:

General Government	512,971.00
Public Safety	1,429,831.00
Orange Elementary Schools	5,350,845.00
Ralph C. Mahar Regional School Assessment	3,445,267.00
Franklin Cty. Tech. School Assessment	523,691.00
Smith Voc. And Agricultural School	15,990.00
Public Works & Facilities	1,145,908.00
Human Services	79,975.00
Culture and Recreation	239,553.00
Debt Service	560,986.00
Insurance and Miscellaneous	<u>1,875,523.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL	15,180,540.00

Motion passed, unanimously.

Motion: And further, that \$ 44,550.00 be transferred from the Stabilization Fund and \$44,211.00 transferred from the Overlay Surplus Reserve Fund for the purpose of balancing the Town Budget for FY 06.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 3: GASB 34

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of money from available funds to pay for work associated with meeting regulations of GASB (Government Accounting Standards Board) Statement 34 requiring governments to put fixed assets on their books, or take any action relative thereto or thereon. (2/3rds-required vote)

ARTICLE 3:

Motion: that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$ 8,500.00 from stabilization fund to pay for work associated with meeting regulations of GASB (Government Accounting Standards Board) Statement 34 requiring governments to put fixed assets on their books.

The mission of the GASB is to establish and improve standards of state and local governmental accounting and financial reporting that will result in useful information for users of financial reports and guide and educate the public, including issuers, auditors, and users of the financial reports. Governments must adhere to GASB pronouncements in order to issue their financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

(Recommended by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee)

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 4: ASSESSORS NEW GROWTH AND INTERIM YEAR ADJUSTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of money from available funds to the Assessors Expense Account for the purpose of hiring a company to calculate the New Growth for Fiscal Year 05 and Interim Year Adjustment on property for Fiscal Year 06, or take any action relative thereto or thereon. (2/3rds-required vote)

ARTICLE 4:

Motion: that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$ 2,823.00 from stabilization fund to the Assessors Expense Account and \$ 8,177.00 from the Overlay Surplus Reserve Fund for the purpose of hiring a company to calculate the New Growth for Fiscal Year 05 and Interim Year Adjustment on property for Fiscal Year 06.

Calculating the New Growth for FY 2005 is mandatory, unfortunately, the funds are not appropriated in the budget and therefore that is why the Board of Assessors is asking for the transfer from the overlay surplus. Previously, the funds had been appropriated by the Capital Planning Fund, however, the Board of Assessors realize that this is not possible because those funds have been depleting quite rapidly.

Motion passed, by required 2/3 majority.

ARTICLE 5: ASSESSORS OVERLAY SURPLUS RESERVE FUND

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Overlay Surplus Reserve Fund a some of money to the reserve for abatements and exemptions for Fiscal Year 05 for the purpose of paying for excess abatements for Fiscal Year 05, or take any action relative thereto or thereon. (majority vote required)

ARTICLE 5:

Motion: that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate from the Overlay Surplus Reserve Fund the sum of \$ 5,350.15 to the reserve for abatements and exemptions for Fiscal Year 05 for the purpose of paying for excess abatements for Fiscal Year 05.

Motion passed, unanimously.

Non-Binding Question.

"Should the Town agree to host an annual 2-3 day summer music & arts festival to be held at the Orange Airport and which would include a permit for the sale of beer and wine in accordance to ABCC regulations?" Yes or No
(majority vote required)

Motion to move the question, passed by required 2/3 vote.

Question passed.

Meeting dissolved at 7:45 p.m.

Recapitulation:

Article 1:

Unpaid Bill – Smith Voc. (from 2006 budget) \$3,711.04

Article 2:

Budget – Rescind May 2005 vote -\$15,305,997.00
 Raise & Appropriate \$15,180,540.00
 Stabilization \$44,550.00
 Overlay Surplus \$44,211.00

BUDGETS	Budget 5/5/05		Budget 7/21/05
	FY2005-2006		FY2005-2006
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Moderator's Salary 114	100.00		100.00
Selectmen's Salary 122	3,000.00		3,000.00
Selectmen's Expense 122	4,490.00		4,090.00
Town Administrator Salary 129	57,905.00		57,905.00
Town Administrator Wages 129	28,399.00		28,399.00
Town Administrator Expense 129	6,459.00		5,950.00
Finance Committee Expense 131	300.00		300.00
Reserve Fund 132	25,000.00		25,000.00
Town Accountant's Salary 135	42,213.00		42,213.00
Town Accountant's Wages 135	8,482.00		8,482.00
Town Accountant Expense 135	3,088.00		4,150.00
Audit of Town Accounts 136	21,000.00		21,000.00
Board of Assessor's 141	3,000.00		3,000.00
Assessor's Wages 141	24,362.00		24,362.00
Assessors Expense 141	8,839.00		7,964.00
Treasurer's Salary 145	40,666.00		40,666.00
Treasurer's Wages 145	11,945.00		10,945.00
Treasurer Expense 145	19,902.00		18,583.00
Collector's Salary 146	32,664.00		32,664.00
Collector's Wages 146	11,835.00		10,835.00
Collector's Expense 146	15,795.00		14,615.00
Town Counsel 151	25,000.00		20,000.00
Human Resource Board 152	500.00		250.00
General Office Expense 159	21,244.00		19,700.00
Town Clerk's Salary 161	32,664.00		32,664.00
Town Clerk's Wages 161	2,108.00		2,108.00
Town Clerk's Expense 161	2,945.00		2,475.00
Election & Registration 163	10,462.00		9,700.00
Conservation Com. Expense 171	685.00		620.00
Planning Board Expense 175	680.00		615.00
Zoning Board of Appeals 176	260.00		235.00
Town Hall Maintenance 192	27,872.00		25,843.00

Town Reports 195	1,600.00		0.00
Armory Maintenance 197	37,258.00		34,538.00
Total General Government	532,722.00		512,971.00
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY:</u>			
Police Chief Salary 210	65,383.00		65,383.00
Police Wages 210	672,858.00		595,858.00
Police Dept Expense 212	69,937.00		69,937.00
Fire Chief Salary 220	54,944.00		54,944.00
Fire Wages 220	467,518.00		449,752.00
Fire Dept Expense 221	127,532.00		101,979.00
Building Inspector's Salary 241	47,181.00		47,181.00
Building Inspector's Wages 241	6,539.00		6,539.00
Building Inspectors Expense 241	7,430.00		6,820.00
Sealer Weights & Measures 244	1,430.00		1,326.00
Electrical Inspector's Salary 245	18,457.00		18,457.00
Electrical Inspector's Expense 245	955.00		955.00
Animal Inspector's Salary 249	650.00		650.00
Animal Inspector' Expense 249	55.00		50.00
Dog Control Wages & Expense 292	13,052.00		5,000.00
Tree Dept Salary & Wages 295	1,000.00		1,000.00
Tree Dept 295	11,050.00		4,000.00
Total Public Safety	1,565,971.00		1,429,831.00
		Requested by	
<u>EDUCATION:</u>		<u>School</u>	
Orange Elementary School 310	5,632,469.00	5,899,029.00	5,350,845.00
R.C.Mahar Reg. School 391	3,018,263.00	3,489,215.00	3,445,267.00
Franklin Cty Tech 394	461,583.00	523,691.00	523,691.00
Smith Voc & Agricultural School 395	15,990.00	15,990.00	15,990.00
Total Education	9,128,305.00	9,927,925.00	9,335,793.00
<u>Public Works & Facilities</u>			
Highway/Sewer/Parks Supt.Salary 420	49,050.00		49,050.00
Highway Wages 421	147,399.00		134,755.00
Highway Adm.Construction & Maint. 421	110,340.00		113,066.00
Snow & Ice 423	125,032.00		125,032.00
Street Lights 424	30,550.00		28,326.00
Fr.Solid Waste 430	12,073.00		12,073.00
Fr.Solid Haz. Waste Day 430	3,000.00		0.00
Sanitation Salary 433	31,557.00		33,983.00
Sanitation Wages 433	67,185.00		64,701.00
Sanitation Expense 433	175,433.00		142,811.00
Sewer Dept. Wages 441	19,259.00		18,759.00
Sewer Dept Expense 441	21,760.00		12,800.00
Waste Water Salary 443	47,048.00		47,048.00

Waste Water Wages 443	79,107.00		79,107.00
Waste Water Treatment Plant Exp. 443	127,346.00		124,725.00
Airport Administration 482	3,295.00		3,295.00
Airport Building & Equip. 483	9,205.00		9,205.00
Airport Maintenance 484	5,640.00		5,640.00
Airport Manager's Salary 485	34,748.00		34,748.00
Airport Wages 487	18,665.00		15,986.00
Airport Aviation Gas Sales & Exp. 487	0.00		0.00
Cemetery Commissioners Salaries 490	600.00		600.00
Cemetery Salary 491	35,530.00		35,530.00
Cemetery Wages 491	49,093.00		45,175.00
Cemetery Dept. Expense 491	9,875.00		9,493.00
Total Public Works & Facilities	1,212,790.00		1,145,908.00
HUMAN SERVICES:			
Board of Health Salaries 510	300.00		300.00
Board of Health Wages 511	36,764.00		36,764.00
Board of Health Expense 511	5,053.00		4,685.00
Council of Aging Wages 541	12,632.00		12,632.00
Council of Aging Expense 541	1,680.00		1,558.00
Veterans' Services Adm. 543	9,036.00		9,036.00
Veterans Benefits 544	20,000.00		15,000.00
Total Human Services	85,465.00		79,975.00
CULTURE AND RECREATION			
Library Director Salary 610	45,000.00		45,000.00
Library Wages 610	105,138.00		86,395.00
Library Expense 610	83,549.00		88,724.00
Parks Wages 650	15,444.00		13,194.00
Parks Expense 650	7,750.00		5,800.00
Historical Comm. 691	440.00		440.00
Total Cultural and Recreation	257,321.00		239,553.00
Debt Service: 710,751,& 752			
Airpark Industrial Park Debt ('11)	11,700.00		11,700.00
New School Dept ('09,10)	293,160.00		293,160.00
Fire Engine ('08)	20,000.00		20,000.00
Landfill Cap & Close ('18)	60,000.00		60,000.00
Sewer Facilities Study ('19)	7,317.00		7,317.00
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Brookside Sewer Project ('08)	10,000.00		10,000.00
Highway Garage	52,000.00		52,000.00

Long-Term Interest, New School	46,154.00		46,154.00
Long Term Interest, All Others	55,655.00		55,655.00
Mahar Project	ARTICLE 24		ARTICLE 24
Short Term & Other Interest	5,000.00		5,000.00
Total Debt Service	560,986.00		560,986.00
INSURANCE AND			
MISCELLANEOUS:			
Frank Council of Govt 830	30,296.00		30,296.00
Assessment			
Franklin Cty. Retirement 911	637,337.00		637,337.00
Assessment			
Workers Compensation 912	44,015.00		44,015.00
Insurance			
Unemployment Compensation 913	30,000.00		30,000.00
Group Health & Life 914	998,543.00		918,543.00
Insurance			
Medicare Insurance Tax Costs 916	92,780.00		92,780.00
General Town Insurance 945	129,466.00		122,552.00
Total Ins. & Misc.	1,962,437.00		1,875,523.00
GRAND TOTALS:	15,305,997.00		15,180,540.00

Article 3:

GASB 34 (from Stabilization) \$8,500.00

Article 4:

New Growth/Interim Year Adjustment (from Stabilization) \$2,823.00
(from Overlay Surplus) \$8,177.00

Article 5:

Transfer to Reserve for Abatements/Exemptions \$5,350.15
(from Overlay Surplus)

A true record of the vote.

Attest:

Nancy M. Blackmer, CMC, CMMC
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
December 8, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

The amount of Stabilization Fund is \$13,316.74

ARTICLE 1: RIVERFRONT PARK BORROWING

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$548,435.00 or any other sum of money, for public park and recreation purposes, consisting of the development of a Riverfront Park in the Town; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for and expend any federal or state aid available for the project; or to take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 1:

Motion that the Town vote to appropriate \$548,435.00 for a public park and recreation purposes, consisting of the development of a Riverfront Park in the Town; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$548,435.00 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to contract for and expend any federal or state aid available for the project; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

Motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 2: CARE CUSTODY AND CONTROL RIVERFRONT PARK

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody and control of the Orange Riverfront Park Area on East River street, said land being more specifically described by the deed recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 900, Pages 345-346, currently held for highway purpose from the Highway Superintendent/Board of Selectmen to the care, custody and control of the Board of Selectmen/Park Commissioners for playground and recreation purposes, said transfer pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, section 15A, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 2:

Motion that the Town vote to transfer the care, custody and control of the Orange Riverfront Park Area on East River Street, said land being more specifically described by the deed recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 900, Pages 345-346, currently held for highway purpose from the Highway Superintendent/Board of Selectmen to the care, custody and control of the Board of Selectmen/Park Commissioners for playground and recreation purposes, said transfer pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, section 15A.

Motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 3: RIVERFRONT PARK DEDICATION

To see if the Town will vote to permanently dedicate the Orange Riverfront Park Area on East River Street, said land being more specifically described by the deed recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 900, Pages 345-346, for playground and recreation purpose pursuant to M.G.L. c45, section 14, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 3:

Motion that the Town vote to permanently dedicate the Orange Riverfront Park Area on East River Street, said land being more specifically described by the deed recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 900, Pages 345-346, for playground and recreation purpose pursuant to M.G.L. c45, section 14.

Motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 4: PARK COMMISSIONERS

To see if the Town will vote to place on the ballot of the Town Of Orange Election “Shall the town vote to have its Board of Selectmen act as Park Commissioners for the Town Of Orange”? or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 4:

Motion that the Town vote to place on the ballot of the Town Of Orange Election “Shall the town vote to have its Board of Selectmen act as Park Commissioners for the Town Of Orange?”

Motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 5: MEDICARE EXTENSION PLANS

To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. c32B, s.18, the provisions of this section, all retirees, their spouses and dependents insured or eligible to be insured under this chapter, if enrolled in Medicare part A at no cost to the retiree, spouse or dependents or eligible for coverage provided that benefits under said plan and Medicare part A and B together shall be of comparable actuarial value to those under the retiree’s existing coverage, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 5:

Motion that the Town vote to accept M.G.L. c32B, s.18, the provisions of this section, all retirees, their spouses and dependents insured or eligible to be insured under this chapter, if enrolled in Medicare part A at no cost to the retiree, spouse or dependents or eligible for coverage provided that benefits under said plan and Medicare part A and B together shall be of comparable actuarial value to those under the retiree’s existing coverage.

Motion made to pass over this article. Motion passed, not unanimously.

ARTICLE 6: MASTER PLAN

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$5,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund to provide the towns share of funds for the Master Plan for the Town of Orange, said funds to be added to amounts voted in May 1999, 2000 and 2001 and combined with available grant funds, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 6:

Motion that the Town vote to transfer \$5,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund to provide the town's share of funds for the Master Plan for the Town of Orange, said funds to be added to amounts voted in May 1999, 2000 and 2001 and combined with available grant funds.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

Motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 7: CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to create, under section 14 of the Act amended July 31, 2003; M.G.L. c40 s5B, a stabilization fund and to earmark money in such fund for the purpose of Capital Projects for the Town of Orange or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 7:

Motion that the Town vote to create, under section 14 of the Act amended July 31, 2003; M.G.L. c40 s5B, a stabilization fund and to earmark money in such fund for the purpose of Capital Projects for the Town of Orange.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

(Recommended by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee)

Motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 8: AMBULANCE FOR FIRE/AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$35,685.76 from the **Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriations Account** for the purpose of paying the lease payment for January 1, 2006, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 8:

Motion that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$35,685.76 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriations Account for the purpose of paying the lease payment for January 1, 2006.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

Motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 9: LINE ITEMS TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of money within departmental accounts, from one line item of such accounts to another line or line items of such accounts, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO AND FOR</u>
\$12,278.96	Smith Vocational Budget	Finance Comm. Reserve Fund
\$ 4,966.00	Reg. School Plan Comm.	Tree Warden Expense
\$ 3,918.00	Unemployment account	Cemetery wages
\$ 5,990.00	Library Director Salaries	Library Wages Account
\$ 1,175.00	Library Expense Account	Library Wages Account
\$ 272.00	Accountant Expense Acct.	Accountant Part-Time Wages
\$ 400.00	Treasurer Expense Acct.	Treasurer Part-Time Wages

ARTICLE 9:

Motion that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of money within departmental accounts, from one line item of such accounts to another line or line items of such accounts.

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\$ 272.00	Accountant Expense Acct.	Accountant Part-Time Wages
\$ 400.00	Treasurer Expense Acct.	Treasurer Part-Time Wages

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

Motion passed with one abstention.

ARTICLE 10: PROSPECT STREET NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$50,000.00 from the Miscellaneous Program Income Account for the purposes of constructing the Prospect Street Neighborhood Stabilization Project CDBG FY 06, grant project cost of \$600,000, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 10:

Motion that the Town vote to transfer \$50,000.00 from the Miscellaneous Program Income Account for the purposes of constructing the Prospect Street Neighborhood Stabilization Project CDBG FY 06, grant project cost of \$600,000.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

Motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 11: LINE ITEMS TRANSFER AIRPORT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$1,000.00 from the Airport Revolving Fund to the Airport Clearing account, said funds to be added to amounts voted in May 2000 and combined with available grant funds, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 11:

Motion that the Town vote to transfer \$1,000.00 from the Airport Revolving Fund to the Airport Clearing account, said funds to be added to amounts voted in May 2000 and combined with available grant funds.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

Motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 12: NEW TULLY FIRE STATION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the construction, original equipping and furnishing of a new fire station located in Tully, including related design and other preliminary costs; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; to determine whether any such borrowing shall be made contingent upon a Proposition 2½ debt exemption vote; or to take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 12:

Motion that the Town vote that \$2,200,000.00 be appropriated for the construction, original equipping and furnishing of a new fire station located in Tully, including related design and other preliminary costs; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$2,200,000.00 under G.L. c.44, §7(3) or any other enabling authority; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; provided, however, that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L. c.59, §21C (Proposition 2½) amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

(Recommended by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee)

Motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 13: JONES STREET (AVENUE) PROPERTY

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with M.G.L. c40 s15 to sell a section of land deeded to the Town Of Orange by deed recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 802 Page 38 located at Jones Street (Avenue) and as more particularly described as,

A certain parcel of land situated on the southeasterly side of Jones Street (Avenue), in Orange, Franklin County Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the most westerly corner thereof, at an angle in the southeasterly line of Jones Street (Avenue), at a corner of land of Pete's Auto Sales, Inc.;

Thence N 35° 30' 06"E, by said street line 50.00 feet to a corner of remaining land of the Town of Orange;

Thence N 62° 18' 53"E, 199.11 feet to an iron pin;

Thence S 32° 32' 22" E, 500.00 feet to a point in line of land of George & Sonia Nadour, the preceding two courses being by said remaining land of the Town of Orange;

Thence S 30° 44' 26" W, by said Nadour land 50.00 feet to a concrete bound at a corner of land of the first mentioned Pete's Auto Sales, Inc.;

Thence N 48° 36' 59" W. 358.42 feet;

Thence N 62° 19' 11" W. 203.04 feet to an angle in the southeasterly line of Jones Street (Avenue), and the point of beginning, the preceding two courses being by said Pete's Auto Sales, Inc. land.

Containing 1.5769 Ac. or 68,692 Square Feet.

Being shown as "Outlot" on a plan entitled: Plan of Outlot Prepared for Peter A. Gerry (Owner: Town of Orange - Book 802, Page 38) Orange, MA. November 16, 2005, Szoc Surveyors, 32 Pleasant St., Gardner, MA. Tel: 978-632-0233 Fax: 978-630-1548" to be recorded in Franklin County Registry of Deeds.

Being a portion of the premises as described in a deed to the Town of Orange and recorded in said Registry in Book 802, Page 38. and the Board of Selectmen having previously determined and declared that such land is no longer needed for its present purpose, or to take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 13:

Motion that the Town vote to vote in accordance with M.G.L. c40 s15 to sell a section of land deeded to the Town Of Orange by deed recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 802 Page 38 located at Jones Street (Avenue) and as more particularly described as,

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Motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 14: TIF AGREEMENT PETE'S TIRE BARNS INC.

To see if the Town will vote to approve the Project Certification Application submitted by PETE'S TIRE BARNS INC., located at 275 East Main Street Orange, Ma. 01364 with property located at New Athol Road Rte 2A, East Main Street Orange, MA 01364 for a distribution center within the Save Orange Economic Opportunity Area, as negotiated with the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on July 6, 2005, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

ARTICLE 14:

Motion that the Town vote to approve the Project Certification Application submitted by PETE'S TIRE BARNS INC., located at 275 East Main Street Orange, Ma. 01364 with property located at New Athol Road, Rte 2A, Orange, MA 01364 for a distribution center within the Save Orange Economic Opportunity Area, as negotiated with the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on July 6, 2005.

Motion passed unanimously.

Ballot Question for Town Elections March 6, 2006

Shall the Town of Orange be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the principal and interest on the bond or bonds issued of \$2,200,000.00 in order to finance the construction, original equipping and furnishing of a new fire station located in Tully, including related design and other preliminary costs?

Yes _____

No _____

Motion to dissolve at 7:55 p.m.

Recapitulation:

Article 1:

Borrow for Riverfront Park \$548,435.00

Article 6:

Master Plan – from Stabilization \$5,000.00

Article 8:

Ambulance Lease – from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation
\$35,685.76

Article 9:

Line Item Transfers:

From	To	
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Treasurer Exp. Acct.	Treasurer Part-time Wages	\$400.00

Article 10:

Prospect St. Neighborhood Project – from Misc. Program Inc. \$50,000.00

Article 11:

From Airport Revolving Fund – to Airport Clearing \$1,000.00

Article 12:

Borrow, contingent on Debt Exclusion vote – Tully Fire Station \$2,200,000.00
A true record of the vote.

ATTEST: Nancy M. Blackmer, CMC, CMMC
Town Clerk

Orange Elementary Schools
131 West Main Street
Orange, MA 01364

The 2005 Report of the Superintendent of Schools

On behalf of the Orange Elementary School Committee, I hereby submit the Superintendent of School's annual report. This report represents the second half of FY 2005 and the first half of FY 2006.

Chapter 70 and Education Reform

For the third time this decade (and for the third year in a row), the Orange Elementary School District experienced a significant decrease in Education Funding. Even though Chapter 70 funding accounts for almost 89% of the operating budget for FY '04 or \$5,636,768, there were some reductions in the number and kinds of school services. In addition, the funding for FY '05 reflects another significant decrease in Chapter 70 funds of \$491,461, or \$4,875,842. The Orange Elementary School budget for FY '05 is \$5,596,769. The budget for FY 2006 is \$5,350,845 – thus illustrating a third straight year of budget cuts and reductions. Part of these reductions is also a result of the impact of the State financial crisis and the Town's inability to support the elementary school programs to the degree they would like. An override during the summer for additional funds also failed. The reduction in Chapter 70 Aid was further compounded by the elimination of some State and Federal grant programs, and a reduction in funding of others. Besides reducing some staff positions and reducing hours for others, there is a significant loss of any contingency funds. Through this difficult economic time, the Orange Elementary Schools would continue to try to provide full-day kindergarten, small class sizes, and inclusion classrooms at each grade to meet the education and social needs of the children. However, having any contingency or surplus funds in many financial line items of the school budget will not be present or possible this year. Given that the Orange Elementary School budget was \$6,046,158 in FY 2003 a reduction of federal, state and local funds of over \$1,000,000 compounded by wage, benefit, and inflationary increases illustrates how severe our fiscal concerns have been during this three year period. Further complicating this scenario are the mandates (often unfunded) of the No Child Left Behind legislation of the current administration.

Grants are a vital component to our overall education service model. Schools have become dependent on grants as a source of funds for many staff positions. Unfortunately, FY 2005 & 2006 were disappointing in terms of the legislative commitment to these special programs.

Community Partnership Grant – This grant funds most of the operating budget for Discovery Depot Preschool, as well as daycare services for qualifying children in private day care centers. The Community Partnership for Children also offered a special two-week summer program for children entering kindergarten, additional workshops for pre-school parent/guardians, and submitted a number of additional grant applications to expand services for children and their families. Funds were reduced by

over \$20,000 in the past fiscal year, in addition to another \$20,000 reduction in FY 2005. It was level-funded in FY 2006.

Focus Special Education Grant – Funded salaries, materials, consultants and professional development programs for Special Education services for children and their families.

Title I Grant - Funded salaries and materials to provide supplemental services in reading and mathematics, OASIS after school tutoring, and other special programs. In FY 2003 this grant totaled approximately \$312,000. In FY 2004 it was reduced to approximately \$279,000. In FY 2005 it was further reduced to \$240,722. Funds for FY 2006 are \$206,706. These are the major source of funds for NCLB.

Quality Kindergarten Grant – Funded a sixth kindergarten class and provided additional time for kindergarten aides in the other classrooms. Funds were reduced by over \$30,000 during FY 2004 necessitating the elimination of some school and summer programs. Funds were further reduced in FY 2005 by \$20,000, and by an additional \$3,000 in FY 2006.

Title II – Improving Educator Quality Grant – Funded teacher and aide position as well as some professional development activities. Funds were reduced in FY 2005 by \$9,000 & level-funded in FY 2006

Chapter 170 Technology Enhancement Grant - This was the second year of a grant with Orange Elementary Schools as the fiscal agent. It will provide technology training and materials for Orange, Mahar, and Swift River to align Massachusetts Mathematics Curriculum Standards with Internet search sites while providing extensive professional development for staff. Each year of funding is approximately \$100,000.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Grant – Provides for a Home-to-School Liaison for the purpose of improving education services and outreach to children and their families. The grant in FY 2005 & FY 2006 was funded for \$20,000.

In addition, there were a number of smaller grants that provided funding for such concerns as professional development, summer programs, technology projects, Safe & Drug Free Schools activities, Special Education Training and support, and early childhood.

Grant writing, managing and record keeping continue to be an ever growing and challenging necessity of the schools. We need to find ways to employ an individual to increase the district's capability of securing and managing additional grant funds. Both the state and federal legislatures are reducing and/or eliminating a number of grant funds. Many of these programs fund staff positions that are essential to maintain the fine quality of educational service that is a trademark of the Orange Elementary Schools. Future goals for grant directions include after-school and summer activities for children and their families, additional counseling and support services, and further multi-district funding based on the needs of North Quabbin school districts.

Curriculum & Professional Development

Continuing efforts by staff and administration to improve our instructional programs, particularly in mathematics, writing and reading, were most noticeable. Through the continued utilization of district and grant money, the Houghton-Mifflin

Reading materials have been purchased for grades K-4. Houghton-Mifflin Consultants also provided considerable professional development for staffs in the implementation of a more consistent K-4 reading program, the five components of a scientifically based reading program, and primary and supplementary materials. Training continued in specific areas and components of an effective reading program, as well as meeting the needs of each child and learner, assessment, and effective utilization of the Houghton-Mifflin materials. Expansion of professional development in Dexter Park has provided more instructional consistency K-4.

Results of the MCAS mathematics scores indicate the need for improvement in student achievement. The incorporation of computation curriculum and mathematics understanding is a long process. The introduction of the Investigations and Connected Math Programs K-6 is a multi-year process. The faculty and administration is to be commended for their continued efforts and energy to improve our instructional practices. Several activities throughout the year were dedicated to the continued professional development of staff in mathematics. Improving the math understanding while continuing to provide a strong foundation base in computation is a challenge for teachers everywhere. Staff throughout the district has participated in a series of related training activities for this goal. As a district, we are doing more formal analysis (TestWiz) of MCAS results and focusing our professional development and instructional activities on student achievement and instructional proficiency.

Staff also received training in other important areas of classroom management strategies including Inclusion strategies, Anger management, Trauma, Learning disabilities discussion and strategies, and regular education/special education connections. We rewrote our District Accommodations Plan.

In addition, through the procurement of technology hardware and software, our staff continues to seek new and innovative strategies for integrating technology and learning, and for the incorporation of technology to enhance learning for all children. We now have a computer lab and a mobile computer lab in every building. The addition of a Technology (Chap 170) Grant will allow staff to explore the integration of technology and learning, to better align curriculum standards, instruction and Internet resources, and to partner with Mahar and Swift River to address K-12 mathematics.

Efforts continue by Art, Music, Health and Physical Education and classroom teachers to integrate curricula. The focus this year is on special project areas.

We also spent time on the alignment of Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks in Science and Social Studies with our instructional programs. Finally, continued training will occur this January on Classroom Management and Behavioral concerns in our classrooms.

Professional Development continues to be a major focus in our schools. Faculty and staff are provided with numerous opportunities to participate in workshops, seminars and courses in a variety of areas, as they continue to work on their individual professional development plans. It is a pleasure to be a part of such a committed and dedicated group of educators. And, student achievement is on the rise!

Personnel

We had a number of retirements in FY 2005 and the beginning of FY 2006. Linda Trifilo, Judy Putnam, Suzie Feldman, and Joanna LeClerc retired from teaching

positions and Virginia Collins retired from her Education Support position. Their dedication, expertise, commitment to children and support for all staff will be sorely missed. The Orange Elementary Schools have been extremely fortunate to have so many staff members devote their energy and expertise to our children. New teaching hires in August 2005 included Mia Gray, Lisa DeTora, Carla Chilton, and Jennifer Powell. ESP hires included Linda Giannakakos, April Melanson, and Melissa Prescott. With the implementation of a Teacher Education Program – Bridges to the Future – in our schools, we had about 10 Masters in Education/Teaching Interns working in our schools. Louis Paradise graciously agreed to serve as mentor for these teaching candidates so his influence in our schools remains.

Maintenance

Maintenance of the buildings continues as a priority and necessity for sound facilities' planning and upkeep.

- An emergency generator was purchased for Fisher Hill School, and with the able help and assistance of the Highway Department, was installed this year.
- All three schools had cameras and security systems installed.
- In 2004-2005, a new heating system at Dexter Park was installed. The school also had the computers replaced in their lab. The heating system at Butterfield School was, hopefully, improved to provide greater efficiency and consistency of heat. A new water heater was installed at Fisher Hill, the gym and stage floors were refinished, and the halls were repainted.
- An engineering study of the Butterfield School roof pointed out the need for greater insulation and ventilation as a remedy for the snow and ice build-up that occurs. Hopefully the school district will receive town financial support to resolve this problem.
- In October 2004, the Selectboard for the Town of Orange voted to form a Building Needs Study Committee for Dexter Park. Our goal is to consider space needs for all three buildings and with a new SBA we hope to solve space needs for all buildings through our findings.

Much thanks and credit should be extended to the custodians in our schools. They take great pride in our facilities and continue to acquire more skills and knowledge concerning the operation of the equipment and facilities. We will benefit long-term from their dedication and commitment.

Community Involvement and Support

The Orange Elementary Schools are very fortunate to be part of the greater Orange Community. The PTO continues to be extremely supportive of the staff and children, tireless in their fundraising and special events to raise money for educational and social experiences for children and their families. The annual Craft Fair is only one of the many excellent activities for the schools and community. Staff and children send their thanks to the entire PTO and the leadership of Lisa Meuse and committee.

Parents and community members support and participate in a variety of school programs. The events range from the Ellis Island simulation and trip, to Community

Reading Day, to classroom volunteers, to the Thanksgiving Feast, to winter basketball leagues. We are especially indebted to parents, grandparents, relatives and community friends who attend and support our school programs and performances.

We also received support from the University of Massachusetts Athletic Department and were able to bring 500 students and adults to basketball games on campus. This relationship will, hopefully, continue and may expand in 2006.

The schools also benefit from the support from other town departments. The police department provides DARE Officer Robert Fisher, and School Resource Officer Robert Haigh. Ajo and Officer Clay Rushford sponsor a fire safety program. Sargeant John Bartus, from Emergency Management, works with our schools on safety and evacuation procedures. The Fire Department worked with the schools on fire drills and fire safety procedures in school and home. David Frye and the Highway Department will assist with the installation of the emergency generator, while always aware of weather and special needs for students and busses. Town Hall assists all employees with any questions and concerns. The building and health inspectors are always assisting when needed.

School Committee

The School Committee is very committed to the well being of the children of Orange, and should be highly commended for their dedication to the community. The task and charge of continuing to provide a high level of educational services with reduced resources is an even greater challenge for now and the immediate future. The members of the School Committee serve in a non-paid capacity and commit their energies, dedication and many hours to the tasks of educating all our children. Their work with the school community personifies the Town of Orange's strong sense of community and community spirit. Richard Herk is School Committee Chairperson, and Marcia Larocque is our representative to Mahar Regional School Committee. The committee includes:

Richard Herk	Chairperson
Elizabeth Peirce	Vice Chair
Carol Chandler, Deborah Habib, Marcia LaRocque, Chris Marshall, & Pam Oddy	

We are very appreciative of their commitment to our children and all our staff. Thank you. We would also like to extend our thanks to Superintendent Eileen Perkins for her years of service and dedication to Mahar Regional School.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Burnim, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools



**Annual Report
Fiftieth Annual Report of the
Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District Committee
Year Ending December 31, 2005**

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	Town	Term Expires
Joseph Camden	New Salem	2006
Peter Cross	Orange	2007
Cara Deane	Orange	2006
Maureen Donelan	Orange	2008
Clifford Fournier	Orange	2006
Robin LaCroix	Orange	2008
Marcia Larocque	Orange	2008
Nadine Parsons	Orange	2006
Dana Kennan	Petersham	2006
Nancy Allen	Petersham	2006
Jean Forward, Ph.D.	Wendell	2006

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Sarah Billings Madelyn Eaton
Natalie Sumner**

Reza Namin, Ph.D., Superintendent
Carolyn U. Manley, District Treasurer
Robin L. Hurt, Assistant Treasurer

Office Hours: 8:00 A.M. 4:00 P.M.
Office Telephone: 978-544 2920

AT A MEETING OF THE RALPH C. MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMMITTEE HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2006, IT WAS VOTED TO ACCEPT THE
REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND ADOPT IT AS THE REPORT OF THE
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

To the members of the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School Committee and the voters of the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District, I herewith submit my Annual Report as Superintendent. The report to the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District Committee covers the period January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005. As such, all reports cover the final half of the 2004-2005 Fiscal Year and the first half of the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year.

GRANTS

The efforts of staff members have resulted in the District receiving Grants totaling \$398,853.00 for the 2005-2006 school year which is \$14,995.00 more than last year. This has allowed for programs and services to be implemented that otherwise would not be funded.

Federal Special Education Entitlement P.L. 94-142 (\$182,419)

The salaries of the Home/School Liaison Counselor, one Special Education Teacher, and a Special Education Paraprofessional were paid through this grant. Some classroom instructional supplies were purchased.

Chapter 70 Foundation Reserve Grant (\$36,000)

The salaries and benefits of the two long term substitutes were recovered through this grant.

MarsLink (\$300)

Middle School and High School students were given access to NASA's Web Portal.

Special Education Program Improvement (\$5,000)

Grant funds will be used to develop and foster an understanding and acceptance of differential learning styles and teaching styles. A consultant was contracted to work with staff and administrators and the Special Education Administrator to coordinate these efforts.

Title I (\$129,260)

This paid the salaries of two Title I English Language Arts teachers and two Title I Math paraprofessionals. Funds for the Title I Conferences, for staff training and professional development, and for training in use of new technology were also provided.

Title II-A Improving Educator Quality (\$37,850)

These funds paid a portion of the salary of one Social Studies teacher, thus reducing class sizes in that department. The grant also provides training for new teachers to meet professional development and licensure goals.

Title II-D - Enhancing Education Through Technology (\$2,126)

With this grant the District purchased 62 teacher licenses for pdPoint, a software program for teachers.

Title IV Safe and Drug Free Schools (\$3,875)

Funding under this grant provides training/workshops in Project Alert training for Middle School Instructors, Substance Abuse Prevention grades 7-12. The grant allows Quabbin Mediation to give peer mediation seminars and Conflict Resolution training to our students.

Title V Innovative Programs (\$2,023)

The Instructional Media Center/Library staff purchased new technology for instruction and DVDs for classroom use.

PERSONNEL

Dr. Reza Namin was named superintendent of the regional school district after the retirement of Superintendent Eileen Perkins, who served in the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District since 1957, first as an English Teacher, then as Department Coordinator, Interim Vice Principal, and finally Superintendent. Miss Perkins, who retired September 30, 2005, was a hard-working advocate for equal and affordable education for all children. Miss Perkins was sent off in a style befitting her office at the dedication of the new Mahar Regional School facility on September 18, 2005.

Anthony Kaczmarczyk, a Science Teacher since 1971, retired June 30. Teachers Jennifer Anderson, Douglass Grutchfield, and Gregory Reynolds resigned to accept positions elsewhere. Vice Principal Shawn Rickan, who had served the Mahar District for five years, also resigned to accept a similar position and was replaced by Darius Modestow. Dianne Ellis resigned as Special Education Administrator and was replaced by Grover Gentry. Mark Pellegrino, Student Services Director, resigned but was not immediately replaced.

Several non-teaching personnel left the District including Senior Night Custodian Ryan Major who was replaced by Peter Billiel. Mr. Billiel resigned in November, and long-term night custodian Anthony Croteau was promoted to the position. Barbara Hiscock, who served in the District for more than 30 years, first in the Cafeteria, then as Secretary to the Principal, retired in September. Linda Hall was hired to replace her. New hires for the 2005-2006 school year include Charlene Allen, Student Services Director; Guidance Counselor Margaret Levrault; Kristen Anderson, Middle School English Teacher; Bridget Dick, Middle School Self-Contained Classroom Teacher; Daniel Guertin, High School Science Teacher and Ann Heaslip, High School History Teacher. It should be noted here that Dan Guertin, Kristen Anderson, and Ann Heaslip were hired after completing the Bridges To The Future Teacher Training Program. David Potter and Mary Katherine Weller were both hired to fill World Languages Teaching Positions. New non-teaching Personnel include Stephen Bonk, Michael Browning, and Melissa Paige as Special Education Paraprofessionals; Katherine Thiem, Middle School Academic Paraprofessional; Gail Littlefield, part-time Secretary in Special Education; and Suzan Cluff, part-time Secretary in Student Services.

BUILDING/RENOVATION PROJECT

The Building Project is completed and all portions of the new buildings are being utilized. Construction on the multi-purpose track and field is scheduled to begin April 1, 2006.

CURRICULUM AND LEARNING

Professional Development continued to focus on the use of technology in teaching as well as meeting the needs of Special Needs students who are integrated in regular classes through Inclusion Programs. Teachers were offered the opportunity to take advantage of the new online professional development courses through Harvard University Graduate School of Education. We showed continued growth in all areas of MCAS results. All seniors passed the MCAS tests and were eligible for graduation by State standards and four students scored perfect scores in English Language Arts and/or Mathematics. We also had continued growth in the results of Advanced Placement Tests and Scholastic Aptitude Tests where Mahar students scored above both State and National levels and five students named as AP Scholars.

The existing alliance with the University of Massachusetts Bridges To The Future Program has brought into the school Master's Degree Candidates seeking both a Degree and Teacher Certification through University of Massachusetts. This program is a plus for our students. The Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District was selected to participate in the Fitchburg State College American History Grant. Mahar was also selected by the Massachusetts Department of Education as a Regional Training Center for the launch of MassOne, an innovative secure portal for teachers, administrators and students. Another notable initiative was the development of a English Language Learner Policy to meet the Massachusetts Coordinated Program Review Guidelines. Another innovative program, the Virtual High School, was adopted as a pilot to give five students the opportunity to take courses such as Nuclear Physics, Contemporary Irish Literature, and Astronomy. The District web site at <http://www.rcmahar.org> has been redesigned to provide on-going resources and information for students, parents, faculty, and the community. Some examples of these resources are the eSPED, EdClass, PdPoint, SIMSViewer, MassOne, Marslink, EZPost Homework online and many more.

CONCLUSION

The Ralph C. Mahar Regional School offers an outstanding education to all its students. The improvement demonstrated by test scores of all students is evidence that the effort, talent, and skills of the teaching staff is providing high quality education for all who seek it. The fiscal crisis of the past several years, however, has taken its toll, especially in the loss of personnel. It is vital that teachers lost be replaced and that class sizes be returned to their previous levels if our current level of academic progress is to be maintained and continue to grow.

Respectfully submitted,

Reza Namin, PhD
Superintendent

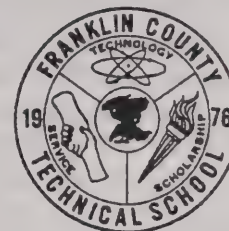
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Superintendent



2005 Annual Report to Towns

We submit this annual report for 2005 on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students.

Total enrollment as of October 1, 2005 was 543 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	26	Erving	13	Montague	70	Sunderland	11
Buckland	21	Gill	11	New Salem	10	Warwick	10
Colrain	24	Greenfield	131	Northfield	26	Wendell	10
Conway	8	Heath	11	Orange	68	Whately	6
Deerfield	17	Leyden	8	Shelburne	14	Non-District	48

Franklin County Technical School awarded 105 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2005. This marked the third year that Massachusetts students were required to pass the MCAS in order to receive a high school diploma. Once again our students were very successful in meeting this high academic standard. The graduates also earned their vocational certificate along with their diploma. 39% of our graduates planned on going to college, 59% joined the area work force and 2% entered the military. We are proud of the accomplishments of the Class of 2005.

During the 2005 school year, the students from various vocational programs performed an estimated \$48,000 worth of service projects benefiting the various towns and city of Franklin County.

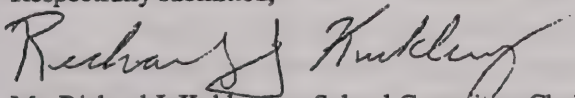
We were re-accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges for the next 10 year cycle. This attests to the hard work and dedication of our faculty, staff and administration and the quality programs we offer with the support of our member towns. We used the School's Building Feasibility Study of 2002 to point out the need for a school building renovation project. Because we were able to show the NEAS&C Visiting Committee that we were already working on plans to address the problems of our aging school facility, we were able to get through this evaluation. The School Committee continues to work on a building renovation and expansion plan. We are waiting until the new Massachusetts School Building Authority produces their new regulations in July of 2007 to continue the formal process for applying for building assistance money. Once we know the percentage of cost sharing we will be working with each of our towns to finalize our planning process for a new or renovated school facility.

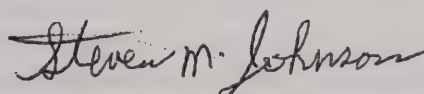
We continue to work with Greenfield Community College to offer evening courses at Franklin County Technical School, as well as a new program that offers college credit courses after school to our students.

We also continue to work with Franklin County businesses, the Regional Employment Board and the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce to make sure that our graduates are part of the Economic Development for Franklin County.

We thank each and every citizen of Franklin County for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,


Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz, School Committee Chairman


Dr. Steven M. Johnson, Superintendent



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2005 ANNUAL REPORT

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments is pleased to submit this annual report for calendar year 2005. As the regional planning agency and governmental membership organization serving the twenty-six towns of Franklin County, we provide a broad array of planning, advocacy, and community services, as well as fee-for-service programs serving municipal needs. The following is a brief summary of FRCOG services, programs, projects, and activities for 2005.

FRCOG Economic Development Planning initiatives facilitate business growth and development to improve our regional economy and provide jobs, goods, and services. We work with federal, state and local economic development agencies to assess needs and issues, identify and implement projects, and maintain eligibility for funding. Work in 2005 included: the Brownfield Site Assessment and Revolving Loan programs; the Greater Franklin County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and Economic Development District; industrial park planning; and Pioneer Valley Connect.

A **Geographic Information System** is a computer system for mapping geographic data. GIS is incorporated into many aspects of our work and is available to towns on a fee-for-service basis. Our 2005 activities included: updating maps for the Franklin Region Long Range Transportation Plan; completing parcel mapping for all the towns; homeland security and emergency planning; support for Smart Growth Technical Assistance grants; analyzing demographic information; and updating zoning maps.

We provide assistance on a wide range of **Land Use Planning and Zoning** activities including preparation of Master Plans and Open Space and Recreation Plans and technical assistance to update Zoning Bylaws or Subdivision Regulations. In 2005 our activities included: a Regional Policy Plan; a Strategic Plan for Renewable Energy; sub-regional Open Space Plans for the Deerfield and Millers River Watersheds; a comprehensive Regional Water Supply Study for Franklin County; a Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and Local Natural Hazard Mitigation Plans for twenty-three communities.

FRCOG Natural Resources Planning projects typically focus on assessing and protecting a particular resource or on innovative technologies/techniques that mitigate resource impacts. Projects in 2005 included: the Connecticut River Watershed Restoration – Phase III; the Deerfield River Watershed Non-point Pollution Assessment; the Four Mile Brook Watershed Assessment; and developing a draft of an Aquifer Protection Overlay District Zoning Bylaw for the Town of Whately.

The FRCOG provides member towns with a variety of **Transportation Planning** services. We maintain the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), a listing of all Franklin County projects eligible for federal aid, and we assist towns with TIP project development and tracking. We also prepare a Long Range Regional Transportation Plan every three years, and facilitate public involvement in the transportation planning process in Franklin County. In 2005 our projects included: the Franklin County Bikeway; Scenic Byways for the Connecticut River, Mohawk Trail, and Route 112; hazardous intersections identification; planning for a Regional Transportation Center; Routes 2 and 116 Safety Improvements; the Route 2 West Safety Study; the Traffic Counting Program; and the Transportation Demand Management Program.

The FRCOG provides **Engineering Services** for rural roadway design, drainage design, slope stabilization, right-of-way acquisition, highway layout research, and maintenance engineering. In 2005 our projects include: the State Street Footprint Reconstruction Project in Buckland; the Green River Road at Workman Brook Slope Stabilization and Culvert Repair Project in Colrain; the Lower Road Culvert

Repair Project in Deerfield; the Proposed Changes to the Intersection of Cushman Road and Shutesbury Road in Leverett; and the Public Library Parking and Accessible Access Project in Shutesbury.

Emergency Preparedness Planning initiatives include staffing the Franklin County Local Emergency Planning Committee, the Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition, and the Medical Reserve Corps and serving as fiduciary agent to the Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council. We also work with the Tri-State Fire Mutual Aid, local governments, and the other two regional planning agencies in Western Massachusetts to provide integrated planning and technical assistance to improve our region's ability to prepare, respond and recover from natural and man-made disasters. Our 2005 projects included: First Responder/Municipal Training; the Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan; board of health communication and technology grants, high-speed internet access for boards of health, development of a regional radio communications system; and initiation of a Debris Management Plan.

The **FRCOG Community Coalition for Teens** provides services to promote the health and well-being of teens in the Franklin County and North Quabbin region. CCT collaborates with school and community partners to: establish and support effective youth development and health-promotion programs; provide training and technical assistance for evidence-based practices; and involve and empower youth. CCT projects in 2005 included: a Region-Wide Teen Health Survey; the 14th annual Youth Conference; Communities That Care, UNITY, Student-led Social Norms Marketing, Parent Education, Safe Homes Parent Network, SMART Recovery, and the Teen Outreach Program.

The **Cooperative Inspection Program** is a community service mandated by the state and financed by member towns and inspection fees. This program was formed in 1975 and became so successful that a Plumbing and Electrical inspection services were added in 1986. Services in 2005 included: Building Inspection, Zoning Enforcement, Wiring Inspection, and Plumbing Inspection in 17 County towns.

The **Cooperative Purchasing Program** provides bidding, contracting, and other services to towns and non-profit agencies. The Program saves money by volume discount buying, and we assure that legally required bidding processes are followed. Participation in any established bidding and contracting program is fee based. Consultation on any bidding or proposal project is available on an hourly basis. Programs in 2005 included: Highway Products and Services, Fuel Products, Dog Licenses and Dog Tags.

The **Regional Health Inspection Program** is designed to respond to the code enforcement and education needs of local Boards of Health. In 2005 the Program provided regional professional health agent support to 16 towns and a monthly Board of Health Capacity-Building Workshop Series.

The **Town Accountant Program** is a fee-for-service program initiated in 2005 to respond to the needs of several Franklin County towns for professional accounting services. We currently serve four towns, and more communities are expected to join in the future. A full range of municipal accounting services is offered to participating communities.

Other **Regional Services** provided in 2005 included: advocating on behalf of our member communities at all levels to ensure that funding programs and policies respond to the rural nature, economic strengths, and human and natural resources of our region; representing Franklin County's interests on many boards and committees and at conferences; helping to facilitate Senator Rosenberg's annual Municipal Conference; producing a Regional Directory; completing a Wage and Salary Survey; and facilitating many workshops and exercises.

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments is committed to providing the best possible service to its member towns and to the region. For additional details about FRCOG programs, projects, and services please contact us for our full 2005 Annual Report at 413-744-3167 ext. 100. Also, a new FRCOG website is under development and will be available in the spring of 2006. Check it out then at www.frcog.org.

2005 REPORT OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

The Solid Waste District was formed in 1989 to help Franklin County towns manage all aspects of their solid waste – recyclables, organics, hazardous waste, wastewater treatment sludge, and trash. We continue to provide assistance to the twenty-one member towns through administrative support, professional consultation, trainings, and outreach to residents and businesses. The District continues to oversee the operation of three permanent collection sites for common household hazardous wastes such as oil-based paint and paint-related products, used motor oil, oil filters, antifreeze, fluorescent lights, ballasts, and rechargeable batteries. These sites are open year-round to all District residents. There is a small disposal fee. The sites are located in Bernardston, Colrain, and Conway. Contact the District office for operating hours for each site.

2005 was a rewarding year for the District. The National Recycling Coalition awarded the District its 2005 Outstanding Government Program award. The District was selected over other programs from throughout the United States. This national recognition reflects the innovative and sustainable waste management programs that the District provides to its member towns. We are all grateful for this award and for the continued support of member towns.

In 2005, District towns recycled approximately 2,700 tons of paper and 1,200 tons of mixed containers. By diverting a total of 3,900 tons of recyclables from landfills and incineration, District towns collectively saved over \$250,000 in disposal costs. Overall, recycling still makes good economic sense for District towns. The only disappointing aspect is that the recycling tonnage is almost identical to 2004, which means a stagnant recycling rate for the county. The District will encourage increased recycling through public education in 2006.

The District held its annual household hazardous waste collection in September. On-line registration is increasingly popular. Just over 350 residents participated at the three regional sites. Almost 1,000 gallons of motor oil was collected! The next hazardous waste collection will be held on September 9, 2006. The annual "Clean Sweep" bulky waste collection was held in October. There were 400 participants at three regional sites. We collected 55 tons of appliances, scrap metal, bulky items, electronics, tires, and propane tanks!

Some new programs for 2006 include collecting and disposing of unused prescription medication, a program for junk car removal, and public education campaigns on hazardous products and plastics recycling. District residents can now use the Greenfield Transfer Station for a small day use fee plus disposal fees for a variety of waste materials.

If you have questions about the District and its programs, call us at 772-2438; visit our website at franklincountywastedistrict.org; or visit us at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*
Chris Boutwell, Montague - *Chair*

Diana Schindler, Colrain - *Vice-Chair*
Becky Jurek, Bernardston - *Treasurer*



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LEO J. PARENT, JR.
Veterans' Agent & Director

JODY WALLENIOUS-DUDA
Administrative Assitant

Dear Veterans' and Citizens of Orange:

This past year was a good year for Veteran-related legislation which was passed during the previous 12 month. Here is a list of some of those bills.

State Bonus for returning Iraq Veterans.

Chapter 115 benefits for Peacetime Veterans.

Military pay differentials.

Distinguished Flying Cross plates.

Naming a road at the Massachusetts Veterans' Cemetery " Charles E. Grout-Winchendon Lane"

Crime to remove Veterans' Flag holders from cemeteries.

The Holyoke Soldiers Home is also accepting applications for health care Benefits. They can be reached by calling 413-532-9475. The Holyoke Soldiers Home is a State funded hospital and I encourage all Veterans to apply.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is still offering the Two Thousand Dollars Annuity (2,000.00) for 100% service connected disabled veterans, parents of a son or daughter whose death occurred as a result of injury sustained or disease contracted during active service in time of war, insurrection, or combat, and to a spouse whose husband or wife died as a result of injury sustained or disease contracted during active service in time of war, insurrection or combat.

The Franklin Regional Transit Authority is provides transportation to Franklin County and Athol Veterans for Medical Appointments at VA Facilities every Tuesday and Thursday. The VA Clinic in Greenfield number is 413-773-8435

If you have any questions please call F.M. Kuzmeskus one week in advance
At 413-863-2595.

Sincerely,

Leo J. Parent, Jr
Director

Member Towns:

Ashfield • Bernardston • Buckland • Charlemont • Colrain • Conway • Deerfield • Erving • Gill • Hawley • Heath • Leverett
Montague • Monroe • New Salem • Northfield • Orange • Plainfield • Shelburne • Shutesbury • Sunderland
Warwick • Wendell • Whately



TOWN HALL BUSINESS HOURS

MONDAY – THURSDAY 8 A.M. – 4 P.M.

FRIDAY 8 A.M. – 1 P.M.

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